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3 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
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IRVINE, CALIFORNIA
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WILLIAM A. FARONE, Ph.D.,
called as a witness, and having been first
duly sworn by the Certified Shorthand
Reporter, was examined and testified as
follows:

EXAMINATION (Continued)

11 BY MR. BHATIA:
12 Q Good morning, Dr. Farone.
13 You understand you're still under oath?
14 A Yes, I do.
15 MR. BHATIA: We are starting today at 10:10.
16

We
17 were prepared to start at 9:00 a.m., but there was a
18 problem with the court reporter's machine and,
19 unfortunately, a replacement machine had to be sent.
So
20 while the witness was here at nine o'clock, we were
not
21 able to start the deposition at nine o'clock.
22 BY MR. BHATIA:
23 Q Dr. Farone, have you seen a copy of the
first
24 day of your deposition?
25 A No, I haven't.

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1 Q Okay. Do you remember your testimony?
2 A Yes, I do.
3 Q And you believe your prior testimony
was
4 correct?
5 A As far as I recall, yes.
6 Q Is there anything you want to change in
your
7 prior testimony?
8 A Not change. I mean there's more
documents I
9 reviewed that I think I sent you since the last time
which
10 augments the testimony I gave. Doesn't change
anything,
11 just adds to it.
12 For example, we discussed making a safe
13 cigarette, and we read something about you couldn't
make a
14 cigarette that was absolutely safe.
15 One thing that I've looked at since
that time

16 is making a cigarette that's safe within a
definition of
17 "safe" that scientists could agree upon, for
example, so
18 that gives you a target of what "safe" means. And
that
19 changes -- you know, you could then make something
to that
20 target. It still wouldn't be absolutely safe, but
it
21 would be safe within the definition that you set up.

22 Q Is this the same thing as your
definition of
23 a safer cigarette?

24 A No. "Safer" simply means that I lower
the
25 level of toxicity from where it is now. "Safe"
means

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1 something that scientists, FDA, whoever you want to
look
2 at this, would consider to be safe. And the trick
is to
3 get them to agree on the definition.
4 And, for example, if I made a cigarette
that
5 was no more injurious than breathing Rocky Mountain
air,
6 for example, if I could do that, would we agree that
7 that's safe?

8 Once you set the definite target, then
you
9 can talk about making that cigarette.
10 The last time we discussed making it
safer,
11 and I gave you a list of all of the things you could
do to
12 make it safer. So what I've done since the last
13 deposition is think about, given a definition of
"safe,"
14 how you could make it safe.

15 Q What is your definition of an
absolutely safe
16 cigarette?

17 A Well, again, "absolutely" doesn't work
in
18 science. But in terms of a definition of "safe," if
we
19 accepted the Rocky Mountain air analogy, for
example, if
20 people said, "Okay, if you put in a nicotine
analogue that
21 did not have any cardiovascular effects, just had
the
22 central nervous system -- the beneficial effects of
23 relaxing or stimulating or that combination of
things, and
24 if we only added to that flavor compounds or
aromatic
25 compounds that we agreed were not carcinogenic,

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1 teratogenic or didn't have any biological activity

--

2 examples would be some esters that are fragrances
from
3 fruits and vegetables, things of that sort -- and if
that
4 combination was inhaled, then I think we could get
the
5 general consensus among the scientific community
that that
6 would be safe.

7 Q Okay. You said that you had reviewed
some
8 documents that led you to this general consensus
9 definition of a safe cigarette.

10 A Yes.

11 Q What did you review?

12 A Well, I sent you -- there was an
article
13 that -- the main thing is the Banzhaf -- is Dr.
DeNoble's
14 disclosure, if you will, that has appeared in two
places,
15 the disclosure that nicotine analogues were in fact
made

16 which did not have cardiovascular effects, and --

17 MR. SHUB: He's in the middle of his answer.

18 Go ahead, Doctor.

19 MR. BHATIA: I didn't interrupt.

20 MR. SHUB: You were about to.

21 Go ahead, Doctor.

22 MR. BHATIA: Did I interrupt him?

23 MR. SHUB: Go ahead, Doctor.

24 MR. BHATIA: Wait. No. No. I mean we're
not
25 going to have this again, Jonathan, like we had at
the

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1 last deposition. I did not interrupt the witness.
I did
2 not even open my mouth. You interrupted the
witness.

3 MR. SHUB: Dr. Farone, please finish your
answer.

4 THE WITNESS: And that these were tested and
found
5 to not affect the -- found not to have the
cardiovascular

6 effects but to have the other effects of nicotine.

7 BY MR. BHATIA:

8 Q Okay. Starting with Dr. DeNoble's
9 disclosure, how did you become aware of that?

10 A The disclosure was faxed to me.

11 Q From whom?

12 A I don't recall.

13 Q Did you provide that to me?

14 A Yes. It was in the top of the stack.

15 Q Can you show it to me, please.

16 I'm showing you the documents you
provided to
17 me.

18 A Should be in the -- right here.

19 Q This document, which we're going to
mark as

20 the next exhibit, FAR3488 --
21 What's the next number?
22 THE REPORTER: 17.
23 BY MR. BHATIA:
24 Q -- Exhibit 17, Dr. Farone, it appears
to be a
25 three-page fax that was sent to you. Where's the
first
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1 two pages of the fax?
2 A I don't -- the first page of the fax is
the
3 transmission sheet.
4 (The document referred to above was
5 marked Defendant's Exhibit No. 17 for
6 identification by the Certified Shorthand
7 Reporter and is attached hereto.)
8 Q Where is that?
9 A I don't keep those.
10 Q You throw them away?
11 A Yes.
12 Q Is that your routine practice, to throw
a
13 away documents?
14 A To throw away cover pages of faxes that
I
15 either send or receive. That's our routine
practice.
16 Q Do those covers pages ever contain
notes?
17 A They can. They can contain notes. I
mean
18 they can say, "Here's something for your interest"
or
19 something of that sort.
20 Q Nonetheless, you just throw them away?
21 MR. SHUB: I'm going to object. It's been
asked
22 and answered, and I don't think you should harass
him.
23 THE WITNESS: Yes, I throw them away.
24 BY MR. BHATIA:
25 Q Okay. Where is page 2 of the fax?
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1 A The part that I reviewed for this
testimony
2 that I think under your thing that you asked me to
do that
3 I'm compelled to provide to you is the part that I
rely on
4 for the testimony.
5 Q No. It's the stuff you reviewed, sir.
6 A I didn't review it. I don't -- I
stated
7 before --
8 Q You didn't read page 2 of the fax?
9 A I tear off the fax transmittal
information,
10 and -- I mean that's all -- I think the second page
said,
11 "Here's something for you that..." -- I think it was
from
12 Sheller. Is it from Steve Sheller?

13 Q It appears to be.
14 A Okay. So that's what it would have
said.
15 Q Dr. Farone, this is the only thing
you've
16 looked at in terms of recent disclosure from Dr.
DeNoble?
17 A No. I read the publicly available
article
18 off the Internet in the -- I think it was the Dallas
19 newspaper had a similar article, but that's the one
that
20 I'm relying on because I had the text of that one.
I
21 don't have the text of the Dallas Morning News
because I
22 don't subscribe to that newspaper.
23 Q Okay. Well, where is it in this
article that
24 one can find your definition of a safe cigarette,
sir?
25 A No. The article describes a
replacement for

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1 nicotine which does not have the cardiovascular
effect.
2 Q Okay.
3 A That allows me to make a definition of
a safe
4 cigarette which I couldn't do the last time because
even
5 after you take away the carcinogens and the
teratogens and
6 everything else, you're left with the cardiovascular
7 effects.
8 Q Does the article disclose the data on
which
9 Dr. DeNoble relies?
10 A No.
11 Q You're a scientist, aren't you, sir?
12 A Yes.
13 Q You look at data, don't you?
14 A I come to conclusions. Data is
frequently
15 used to help come to those conclusions.
16 Q As a scientist, do you typically rely
on
17 articles on the Internet to come to conclusions?
18 A Yes.
19 Q And the mere fact that Dr. DeNoble says
that
20 he has found this analogue is sufficient for you to
come
21 to the conclusion that now a safe cigarette could be
made?
22 A Not only that, no.
23 Q What else do you rely on?
24 A I rely on the fact that I worked at
Philip
25 Morris and, in fact, I know that the analogues were
made

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1 and that the people who worked for me made the

analogues

2 and that they were tested, but that I did not -- I
don't
3 know that I had -- well, I didn't have access to the
4 results of those tests, so what Dr. DeNoble -- the
niche
5 that he is filling, which I wasn't aware of before I
read
6 the article, is that the results of those tests did
in
7 fact come up with a material that fulfilled the
criteria

8 for which they were designed.
9 Q But the only thing you have to rely on
is
10 Dr. DeNoble's report of what the tests show;
correct?

11 A With regard to the ability to do
12 this, it's -- in a sense you had asked me before if
I
13 could think of a way to make an absolutely safe
14 cigarette. Okay? That was the question. You
showed me a
15 document in the last deposition, and you asked me
would I
16 agree with the first statement in the document which
said
17 that as far as we know you can't make an absolute
safe
18 cigarette, and I said, yes, I agreed with that
statement.

19 You're asking me today if I had any
further
20 thoughts on that, and I'm saying, well, if you
define what
21 "absolute safe" means, then I can -- what "safe"
means,
22 then I can do it.

23 Q Again, I think coming back to the
question I
24 posed to you, is the only thing you're relying on in
terms
25 of the ability to develop a successful analogue

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1 Dr. DeNoble's report in Exhibit 17?
2 A No.
3 Q What else are you relying on?
4 A My scientific ability, knowledge, and
ability
5 to connect different things together to come up with
a
6 hypothesis that says, "Okay. Now, this is how you
would
7 go about doing it."

8 Q Dr. Farone, when you were at Philip
Morris,
9 you were aware that Philip Morris was doing nicotine
10 analogue research; correct?

11 A Correct.
12 Q And, in fact, Philip Morris published
some of
13 its work on nicotine analogues, didn't they?
14 A They did not publish results concerning

the
15 human effects of whether they had succeeded in
making
16 something which was not cardiovascular. I don't
believe
17 they did.
18 Q But did Philip Morris publish it's
research
19 or some of its research on the nicotine analogue
program?
20 A No. They patented it for use, for
example,
21 as an insecticide and things of that sort, yes.
22 Q Didn't Dr. Seeman also share some of
the
23 analogues that were being prepared at Philip Morris
with
24 government officials?
25 A Yes, he did.

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1 Q So the work at Philip Morris on
developing
2 nicotine analogues was not a secret, was it?
3 A The work was not a secret. The test
results
4 of whether or not the analogues succeeded in solving
the
5 problem of cardiovascular effects was a secret.
6 Q Indeed it was such a secret that while
you
7 were at Philip Morris you never even saw the results
of
8 those tests; correct?
9 A That's correct.
10 Q So the only basis that you have to
testify
11 here today that those test results were in fact
successful
12 is the statement by Dr. DeNoble in Exhibit 17;
correct?
13 A It's not the only basis, in my opinion.
14 Q Well, respectfully, sir, you didn't see
test
15 results while you were a Philip Morris; right?
16 A Correct.
17 Q And have you seen any test results
since
18 leaving Philip Morris on the nicotine analogue
program?
19 A Yes, I have.
20 Q What have you seen?
21 A I've seen documents which I believe are
22 privileged in the states that they were presented to
me
23 in, and, therefore, I have not relied on them for
this
24 action.
25 Q So you've seen some documents, but
you're not

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1 willing to identify them for me; is that correct?
2 A If you would like, I can go back and
try and

3 find them. You know --
4 Q Well, respectfully, --
5 A But that's --
6 Q -- Dr. Farone, you said that you'd give
me
7 the documents that you relied on. You now tell me
that
8 you're relying on some documents that you consider
to be
9 privileged?
10 A No.
11 Q Is that your testimony?
12 A No. I'm relying on my scientific
ability.
13 Now, if you are saying that I can't make a
hypothesis
14 about a safe cigarette when I know that if you made
such
15 an analogue that it would be safe -- it came up
because of
16 this article, and I'm not going to concede the point
that
17 I'm relying exclusively on that article, that
particular
18 document, when I believe I'm entitled to use my
scientific
19 ability to reach an expert opinion.
20 Q Well, what about your scientific
ability
21 causes you to come to the conclusion that Philip
Morris
22 made a successful nicotine analogue?
23 A That's not -- I didn't say they did. I
said
24 hypothetically as a hypothesis if in fact you could
make a
25 safe -- that is, no cardiovascular effect nicotine
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1 analogue -- then it follows that you could make a
safe
2 cigarette.
3 Q Okay. Before we get to that, can you
stick
4 with my question, please, which is what evidence do
you
5 have that Philip Morris actually did make a nicotine
6 analogue that had none of the cardiovascular effects
of
7 nicotine?
8 A The only article that I have that makes
that
9 particular statement is Dr. DeNoble's article.
10 Q Which is Exhibit 17, sir?
11 A Yes.
12 Q And that is the newspaper article that
was
13 faxed to you from some unknown source?
14 A I think it was Steve Sheller. I just
saw the
15 top part.
16 Q Steve Sheller's another plaintiffs'
lawyer in
17 many of the suits against the tobacco industry;

correct?

18 A Yes, I believe so.

19 Q And so it's just another one of these
random
20 documents that the plaintiffs' lawyers have sent you
to

21 form the basis of your opinion; right?

22 A Not random, obviously, but, yes.

23 Q Carefully selected maybe. Would that
be more
24 correct?

25 A To the point --

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1 MR. SHUB: Object.

2 THE WITNESS: -- would be most correct.

3 BY MR. BHATIA:

4 Q Okay. What is the basis for Dr.
DeNoble's
5 statement in Exhibit 17?

6 A If I recall from some of the other
articles,

7 it was test results that either he performed or he
saw.

8 Q What was the nature of the test results
that
9 he performed or that he may have seen?

10 A Well, he did the rat studies that we
know of

11 that were -- I think I provided you at least one
report in

12 the last set of documents of Dr. DeNoble's research
work.

13 Q What evidence do you have that the

analogue
14 that Dr. DeNoble is referring to in Exhibit 17 was
tested

15 in rat studies?

16 A I haven't compared -- I haven't talked
to him

17 about what's in there, which one he's referring to,
18 exactly which ones, and I haven't compared that with

the
19 rat work that he did, so I can't answer that.

20 Q If you learned that the analogue that
21 Dr. DeNoble is referring to in Exhibit 17 was tested

one
22 time and one time only and in one rat and one rat
only,

23 would that in any way change the basis for your
opinion

24 that a safe analogue had been developed by Philip
25 Morris?

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1 A My opinion is that a safe analogue can
be

2 developed. That's why we had the program going on.

And
3 it would change my opinion of whether one was
developed.

4 It may not change my opinion about whether you can
develop

5 a safe analogue. And if you can develop a safe
analogue,

6 then you can make a safe cigarette.
7 Q Who was in charge of the analogue
program at
8 Philip Morris?
9 A I don't think --
10 MR. SHUB: What year? What time frame are
you
11 talking about?
12 MR. BHATIA: Go ahead, sir.
13 THE WITNESS: I don't think I can really tell
you
14 who was in charge of the analogue program at Philip
15 Morris.
16 BY MR. BHATIA:
17 Q In the time you were at Philip Morris
were
18 you in charge of the nicotine analogue program?
19 A The people working on the program
reported to
20 me during a period of time that I was at Philip
Morris.
21 Q Which period of time was that?
22 A '82, '83, the Organic Chemistry
Division
23 reported to me, I believe, during that period.
24 Q Who were the people at Philip Morris
with
25 principal responsibility for synthesizing nicotine
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analogues?
1 A Dr. Seeman, Dr. Secor, Chuck
Chavdarian, Bill
3 Edwards. I don't know which roles -- it's been a
long
4 time since I've looked at exactly who did what, but
I
5 think maybe Yoram Youminer made some, but there were
6 chemists in the Chemical Research Division who did
the
7 synthetic work on the program. From time to time
who was
8 doing it changed, but Jeff Seeman was involved in
that
9 for -- probably from the beginning of when I knew
about it
10 until the time I left.
11 Q At some point in time Jeff Seeman
reported to
12 you; is that right?
13 A That's correct.
14 Q Is he a good chemist?
15 A Yes.
16 Q What do you think of his work?
17 A From what I know of it, his work was
okay.
18 Q Do you think him to be a scientist of
good
19 intellectual integrity?
20 A I published papers with Jeff. You
know, we
21 worked together, and whatever disagreements or --
when you
22 work with somebody in a supervisor/subordinate

23 relationship, you know, you talk about the pluses
and
24 minuses that people have. But in terms of his
scientific
25 ability, obviously, we worked together, and I didn't
see

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1 anything wrong with his ability.
2 Q When you published papers with him, did
you
3 have any basis for challenging the integrity of his
4 findings?

5 A We always do that in science. We
always
6 challenge the integrity of each other's findings.

7 Q I understand. But when you published
papers
8 with him, did you say to him at any point, you know,
"We
9 can't write this because it's wrong, and I disagree
with
10 your conclusions. Let's change it"?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Okay. And did he agree with you?

13 A Sometimes.

14 Q And sometimes --

15 A Sometimes not.

16 Q And that was just the basis of
scientific
17 disagreement?

18 A Correct.

19 Q Do you have any basis to say he's a
dishonest
20 scientist?

21 A No, I don't have any evidence.

22 Q If Dr. Seeman were to testify that he
was
23 unable to successfully synthesize a nicotine
analogue
24 that did not have the cardiovascular properties --
that
25 did not have any of the cardiovascular properties of

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1 nicotine, would you have a basis to disagree with
his
2 testimony?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Okay. And what is that?

5 A Well, we have two bases. Number one is
if
6 you look at the pyridine alkaloids as an entire
class, the
7 simplest nicotine analogue is pyridine. And there
is a
8 lot of evidence in the literature that that does not
have

9 the cardiovascular effects but it does have the CNS,
10 central nervous system, effects. So I think I would
call
11 that to Jeff's attention and say, "Well, Jeff, does
this
12 qualify as a nicotine analogue that will not have
the

13 cardiovascular effects?"
14 Q In the work Jeff Seeman was doing on
nicotine
15 analogues, wasn't he looking at much more complex
16 analogues than just the pyridine molecule?
17 A In addition to that, yes.
18 Q If Dr. Seeman were to testify that they
19 looked at the simple pyridine molecule but found it
not to
20 have the CNS properties of nicotine, would that in
any way
21 change your opinion?
22 A Well, that would -- it would provide
23 evidence. I would then confront him with the other
24 literature work that I gave you copies of some of
those
25 books which in fact say the opposite, but --

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1 Q Well, can you tell me which document or
book
2 you rely on that says pyridine has the same effect
on the
3 central nervous system as nicotine when used in the
same
4 concentration as nicotine?
5 A I don't think that's relevant to my
argument,
6 so I don't -- I don't understand the question.

7 Q I understand you may not think it's
relevant,
8 but could you answer my question, please.
9 A I don't know that I can because I don't
10 understand the question.

11 Q Okay. Can you tell me what you rely on
for
12 the proposition that pyridine has all of the central
13 nervous system properties of nicotine?

14 A I am relying on the books that I gave
you
15 which indicate that it has central nervous system
effects,
16 that it acts as a depressant, and I showed you some,
I
17 think, that went back a hundred years which come to
that
18 same conclusion. And so in order to distinguish
between
19 exactly what we mean by central nervous system
effects
20 gets us into a much more complex discussion. So as
soon
21 as you state -- as soon as you use the word "all,"
you
22 confuse me because, as I tried to indicate before,
there's
23 no such thing as "all" in science.

24 Q What books?
25 A The Merck Index -- the same ones I
presented

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1 before. The Merck Index, the various pharmacopoeia,
2 pharmacology books. I gave you one on the safety of
3 chemicals, I believe, and also I think in that stack

of
4 stuff was a material safety data sheet for pyridine
which
5 says it's a central nervous system -- I mean it's
very
6 widely known among chemists that pyridine has these
7 effects. It's a very toxic material.

8 Q What evidence do you have that pyridine
when
9 smoked will produce the same central nervous system
10 response as nicotine in a smoker?

11 A When smoked -- well, the only place
where --
12 of the books that I quoted was that 1896 reference
which
13 makes that sort of statement.

14 Q Did you bring that book with you today?

15 A No, I did not.

16 Q Could you bring it with you tomorrow,
please?

17 A Certainly.

18 Q In fact, could you bring all the books
that

19 you brought with you on the first day of your

deposition
20 to the deposition tomorrow?

21 A Certainly can.

22 MR. BHATIA: Thank you.

23 MR. SHUB: I just want to let the record
reflect

24 that you, Vineet, had the opportunity to examine
those

25 books. They were provided to you, and you declined
the

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1 opportunity to make any copies of those books or to
use

2 the information in the books.

3 MR. BHATIA: That's an untrue statement.

4 MR. SHUB: Well, let the record reflect that
that's

5 exactly what happened.

6 MR. BHATIA: Let the record reflect you made
7 another untrue statement.

8 MR. SHUB: What's untrue about it?

9 MR. BHATIA: We were given the books at the
10 deposition along with the four boxes of material.

It was
11 not provided to us in advance of the deposition. We
were

12 told that we had to proceed with the witness at our
own

13 peril. We did not have an opportunity to review the
books

14 during the deposition. They were left with us to

copy
15 afterwards. However, we only copied the first pages
of

16 the books. We asked you to bring the books to the
17 deposition today. That was requested at the end of

the
18 last deposition. You committed that you would do

so.

19 But, unfortunately, the books are not here.
20 MR. SHUB: Well, you had the books ahead of
this
21 deposition. They were provided to you at the last
22 deposition, and you decided you didn't want to copy
them.
23 MR. BHATIA: I'm only asking him to the bring
them
24 to the next deposition. Is it that much of a
problem?
25 The witness has agreed to do it.

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1 MR. SHUB: It's not a problem. I just want
to make
2 sure the record doesn't reflect that they weren't
provided
3 to him before today.
4 MR. BHATIA: No one ever said they weren't.
5 Can we find out where we were because
after
6 that long colloquy by plaintiffs' counsel, I've sort
of
7 lost my train of thought.
8 (Whereupon the record was read
9 by the reporter.)
10 BY MR. BHATIA:
11 Q Since our last deposition have you
discussed
12 the concept of a safe or safer cigarette with
plaintiffs'
13 counsel?

14 A Yes, I have.
15 Q What did you talk to them about?
16 A What did I talk to them about?
17 Q Yes.
18 A Exactly what we are talking about here.
19 Q Well, what did you say to them?
20 A Well, I said that if you -- if one
accepts
21 the premise, the operational hypothesis, that a
nicotine
22 analogue can be created which does not have the
central
23 nervous system effects and then you added that to a
24 smoking article, a cigarette, which released that
compound
25 in addition to flavor chemicals, in addition to
things

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1 which would be considered safe by a group of people
who
2 would agree on what those criteria would be, that
then one
3 could produce a safe cigarette, pointing out that
things
4 like Premier and Eclipse are headed in that
direction
5 along with work that was done at Philip Morris and
other
6 places.
7 I mean that's where we're going with
that
8 whole train of technology, so I don't consider that

to be
9 anything different.
10 MR. SHUB: Excuse me one minute. Can you just
read
11 back the first part of the answer because I believe
the
12 witness may have misspoken.
13 (Whereupon the record was read by the
14 reporter.)
15 THE WITNESS: Cardiovascular effects. Pardon
me.
16 MR. SHUB: The witness would like to correct
a
17 statement that he just made in response to the last
18 question.
19 Dr. Farone?
20 THE WITNESS: I misspoke. It was if it
didn't
21 have the cardiovascular effects. We want it to have
the
22 central nervous system effects.
23 If you could do that, then in fact you
would
24 have the basis on which to make a safe cigarette,
and that
25 is very much like what Dr. DeNoble was talking about
in

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1 his recent discussions with the press. It's very
much
2 like Eclipse, very much like Premier, very much like
3 programs of similar types of smoking articles that
have
4 been talked about in the industry. So I don't
consider
5 that anything, you know, horribly different.
6 BY MR. BHATIA:
7 Q Do you consider these products to be
8 conventional cigarettes or alternative smoking
devices?
9 A Well, that gets us into a discussion of
what
10 a conventional cigarette is.
11 I mean you have -- a conventional
cigarette
12 is based on a time frame. The conventional
cigarette of
13 1990 to 1997 is different than the conventional
cigarette
14 of 1890 to 1897.
15 Q Well, do you consider this product to
be more
16 like Premier or more like the Marlboro that's at the
17 grocery store?
18 MR. SHUB: Object to the question as vague,
what
19 "this product" means. It's vague.
20 THE WITNESS: Assuming we're talking about
this
21 hypothetically safe cigarette, it would end up being
more
22 like Premier or Eclipse than like Marlboro.
23 BY MR. BHATIA:

24 Q What evidence do you have that smokers
would
25 accept that alternative cigarette?
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1 A Well, there's a sort of similar product
on
2 the market that the -- I believe it's Scandinavian.
I've
3 read pharmaceutical concerns. It's been approved by
the
4 FDA for use in smoking cessation programs. It's an
5 aerosol that's about the size of a cigarette or
maybe a
6 little bit bigger, and you sort of manipulate it in
a way
7 that you can give yourself a little dose of inhaled
8 nicotine aerosol whenever you need it. And that,
9 according to the data, appears to be very well
accepted by
10 those people that are using it as a substitute for a
11 cigarette. That's why it was approved by FDA, I
believe.

12 Q Well, the product is used for people
who want
13 to quit smoking; correct?

14 A That's why it was submitted to the FDA.
15 That's correct.

16 Q Well, what evidence do you have that
people
17 who want to continue to smoke cigarettes will,
instead of
18 smoking cigarettes, smoke this alternative cigarette
19 device?

20 A Well, the basis is that if they use it
at all
21 as a replacement for cigarettes and it works and
gives
22 them the same pharmacological effects for which they
smoke
23 cigarettes, then they will in fact continue to use
it.
24 They could decide to stop or wean themselves from
it, or
25 they could continue to use it. As a matter of fact,
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1 that's one, possibly, of the concerns with such
products,
2 because it still has the cardiovascular effect. But
if we
3 took that same product and eliminated the
cardiovascular
4 effect, I don't see any problem with having people
use
5 that as a continued way of satisfying the
pharmacological
6 need.

7 Q The Premier product introduced by
Reynolds
8 was not a commercial success; correct?

9 A That's my understanding.

10 Q And the current product on the market
from
11 Reynolds, the Eclipse product, has not proven to be

a
12 commercial success as yet either; right?
13 A I don't know the statistics on what
Eclipse
14 is doing.
15 Q Your hypothetical safe cigarette, what
16 evidence do you have that smokers in the marketplace
would
17 in fact accept it?
18 A It's a hypothetical case, so it's
19 hypothetical evidence.
20 Q Okay. And to make this hypothetical
safe
21 cigarette, at a minimum you would need the nicotine
22 analogue that had none of the cardiovascular effects
of
23 nicotine but all of the central nervous system
properties
24 of nicotine that smokers wanted, right?
25 A I'm not sure. I don't think so,
because in

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1 that statement that you just made, the question is
the --
2 all of the properties that nicotine has other than
3 cardiovascular, I'm not sure we know exactly what
all of
4 those are. Let's just say a sufficient class that
you
5 would satisfy the user of the product. And that
6 apparently almost every cigarette company and every
7 tobacco company thought was the case because that's
why
8 they embarked on these programs.
9 Q Well, if the analogue that you have
described
10 could not be made, then you would agree, wouldn't
you,
11 that the hypothetical safe cigarette couldn't be
made;
12 right?
13 A Yes, I would agree.
14 Q Now, when you discussed the concept of
this
15 safe cigarette with plaintiffs' counsel, what did
they say
16 to you?
17 A Nothing.
18 Q Nothing at all? They sat there in
shocked
19 disbelief?
20 A No. "Interesting."
21 Q So who were you discussing this with?
22 A Let's see. I think I talked it over
with
23 Mr. Sheller. I don't recall whether Mr. Shub and I
24 discussed it.
25 Q And Mr. Sheller's only statement to you
was

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1 "Interesting"?
2 A I don't remember him reacting much more
than

3 that.
4 Q Have you discussed your idea of a safe
5 cigarette with Dr. DeNoble subsequent to our prior
6 deposition?
7 A No.
8 Q Have you discussed it with Dr. Uydess?
9 A No.
10 Q Have you discussed it with anyone other
than
11 plaintiffs' counsel that you have identified?
12 A Yes.
13 Q Who?
14 A People within my company that work with
me.
15 My wife. Probably people that I've talked with for
16 various business meetings and things of that type
since
17 that time.
18 I don't remember the full range of
people
19 that I may have discussed it with, but people not
involved
20 directly in any litigation.
21 This is just as a -- it is a
scientifically
22 interesting and valuable thing to discuss. So, yes,
I
23 have talked about it because I don't think it's a
matter
24 of confidence or privilege or -- it's my concept,
25 scientific concept.

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1 Q Is your wife Cynthia O'Donohue?
2 A That's correct.
3 Q Has plaintiffs' counsel in any of the
tobacco
4 litigation ever suggested to you that it would help
the
5 litigation if you could come up with ways to make
safer
6 cigarettes?
7 A Well, plaintiffs' counsel, as I wrote
that --
8 the reason why we are here, I believe, is I was
asked to
9 opine on the type of safer cigarettes. You probably
know
10 that I've discussed that with NBC. I've discussed
that
11 with anybody that is interested in the subject, that
I
12 believe that in fact safer cigarettes are a good
thing to
13 do. I believe that that's the way to provide
smokers with
14 what they want without causing disease. I mean I'm
in
15 favor of the safer cigarette. It's something I've
been
16 interested in for a long time, so, yeah, sure, I
discussed
17 it with them.
18 Q Other than what we have talked about,

have
19 you done any additional work on your opinions in
this
20 case?
21 A This stack of documents here? Is that
what
22 you mean by "other than what we have talked about"?
23 Q Yes.
24 A No.
25 Q Now, you provided me with a stack of
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1 documents last week; right?
2 A Correct.
3 Q And those documents reflect additional
work
4 that you had done on your opinions in this case;
correct?
5 A Correct.
6 Q We have talked about one of those
documents,
7 which was Exhibit 17; right?
8 A Correct.
9 Q What other additional work have you
done
10 other than Exhibit 17 on your opinions in this case
since
11 our last deposition?
12 A Well, the stack of documents that sits
on the
13 table in front of me that I sent you last week.
14 Q You just reviewed them?
15 A Yes.
16 Q Did you write anything else?
17 A Yes, I did.
18 Q What did you write?
19 A I wrote a little discourse on the safe
20 cigarette.
21 Q Okay. Let me show you -- we'll mark it
as
22 Exhibit 18.
23 Let's take a look at Exhibit 18 for a
24 second.
25 In your design of a safe cigarette, one
would
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1 need technology to heat the material to which this
2 hypothetical analogue has been placed; right?
3 A One would need a way, yes, of providing
heat
4 to volatilize it and any other flavorants that you
wish to
5 do.
6 (The document referred to above was
7 marked Defendant's Exhibit No. 18 for
8 identification by the Certified Shorthand
9 Reporter and is attached hereto.)
10 Q What technology would be used to
11 accomplishing that electrical or chemical heating of
the
12 hypothetical nicotine analogue?
13 A I mean the list is extensive of things
one
14 could do. Any chemical reaction, for example, which

is
15 what we call exothermic -- i.e., gives up heat when
it
16 occurs -- could be used if the heat was sufficient
to
17 volatilize these compounds and direct them to the
smoker.

18 Q Okay. Would this be technology similar
to
19 what Reynolds used with Premier?

20 A It could be, yes.

21 Q And when did Philip Morris obtain -- or
22 strike that.

23 When did Reynolds introduce the Premier
24 product? Do you remember?

25 A I believe it was -- my recollection is
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1 '90 or '91. I'm not quite --

2 Q So at least by '90 or '91 that
technology had

3 been developed sufficiently to allow it to be used
in an

4 alternative cigarette device; correct?

5 A That particular technology, yes.

6 Q Okay. Now, did Philip Morris have any
7 technology similar to Premier for burning this
8 hypothetical nicotine analogue?

9 A It is my understanding that they did.
That

10 was -- but we have to recall that during the time I
was

11 there those were very secret kind of research

12 projects that were going on to which I personally was not
13 privy.

14 So I can't say exactly what they may or may not have
15 had.

16 Q Okay. So, you never saw any of the
17 technology for heating the hypothetical nicotine

analogue
18 while you were at Philip Morris; is that right?

19 A Well, I don't know what you mean by
"see."

20 We discussed it. We talked about ways to do it,
people

21 working for me, you know, the temperature at which
these

22 things would volatilize. We had made heat systems
that

23 would do it, but I never saw a working prototype
product

24 that would do it, if that's what you mean by "saw."

25 Q Who was working on the development of
this

26 prototype project?

27 A The people that were working for me or
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1 generally through the organization?

2 Q Who was in charge at Philip Morris?

3 A I believe Tom Osdene's group was in
charge of

4 that.
5 Q Would Cliff Lilly have been involved in
this
6 effort?
7 A He probably would have. He worked for
me,
8 but he was involved in many projects that I was not
9 totally aware of what those projects were.
10 Q What is your opinion of Dr. Lilly as a
11 scientist?
12 A Obviously, I thought very highly of
13 Dr. Lilly. I wrote many promotion recommendations
for
14 him.
15 Q Is it your understanding that Philip
Morris
16 has been working on technology to burn tobacco in a
17 controlled manner and at a different temperature in
order
18 to reduce some of the harmful components of smoke?
19 A It is my understanding that Philip
Morris has
20 worked on a wide variety of delivery mechanisms, not
21 limited to burning. You know, sparging with gases,
all
22 kinds of things, yes.
23 Q And is it your understanding that Dr.
Lilly
24 was involved in much of this effort?
25 A Well, up to the time I'm aware of from
'76 to

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1 '84 he was involved, as I was, actually.
2 Q Okay. What evidence do you have that
Philip
3 Morris had the technology to successfully market a
device
4 that would heat this hypothetical nicotine analogue
prior
5 to your leaving the company?
6 A The -- we had many discussions about
whether
7 or not to apply for patents on many of these
different
8 things, not all of which I was really certain what
we were
9 talking about with these different things because of
the
10 secrecy aspect, but my understanding of our ability
to do
11 that was -- is based partially on the fact that it
had got
12 up to the point where the desire to patent them was
a real
13 issue.
14 Q As a scientist, do you patent processes
or
15 devices that are technologically feasible?
16 A That's one of the definitions of the
reason
17 why you have to -- it has to be technologically
feasible.

18 It has to have utility before you can apply for a
patent.

19 Q Is there a distinction in patent
doctrine

20 between technological feasibility and commercial
21 feasibility?

22 A No.

23 Q Do you believe that all devices on
which

24 patents are obtained are commercially feasible?

25 A Of course not.

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1 Q So there is some distinction between
2 technological feasibility and commercial
feasibility;

3 correct?

4 A Yes.

5 Q What evidence do you have other than
the fact

6 that patents were contemplated for certain
technology that

7 such technology was commercially feasible?

8 A Commercial feasibility I can't speak to
9 because I don't know how far the programs were
developed.

10 But if you're asking my opinion, I think you could
do

11 it.

12 Q If Dr. Lilly were to testify that in
the

13 early 1980s Philip Morris did not have the ability
to

14 commercially market a device that heated this
hypothetical

15 nicotine analogue, would that change your view that
Philip

16 Morris could have introduced in early 1980 this safe
17 cigarette that you've described?

18 A No.

19 Q Why not?

20 A Because testimony in litigation isn't
the

21 same as scientific discourse. If I could talk to
Cliff

22 and we had a blackboard where we could go up and
outline

23 why he concludes that that wasn't the case and I
could

24 present my arguments why I believe it was the case,

25 Dr. Lilly may in fact be able to convince me that he
was

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1 correct. But simple testimony, you know, the way
that

2 it's limited to your understanding of what's going
on

3 probably wouldn't do it for me.

4 Q What are your arguments in favor of why
5 Philip Morris could develop a device to artificially

heat
6 or burn the hypothetical nicotine analogue and that
such

7 device was in fact commercially feasible?

8 A First, we know how these compounds
9 volatilize. We study them all the time. So we can
in
10 fact determine the temperature profile, the heating
rates
11 that you require to be able to volatilize them
without
12 pyrolyzing them or without combusting them. I mean
that's
13 known.

14 One way of knowing that is through a
process
15 or technique called thermogravimetric analysis where
we
16 look at how the heating rates cause the stuff to be
17 volatilized.

18 We had done a lot of work on sparging
where
19 you blow air through it to remove compounds.

20 It's even possible that without heating
it
21 that you could deliver the product. If the
volatility was
22 correct, you just put it in a device and you just
suck
23 through it, and at room temperature the flow of air
could
24 cause the volatilization. That technology didn't
require
25 a heating device and certainly was available.

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1 We actually tried sucking on things
that had
2 been doctored up with various chemicals to see what
the
3 effects could be, and it seemed to work. So heating
isn't
4 a prerequisite for this device. It's just one way
of
5 doing it.

6 Q And these projects are things that you
7 personally worked on?

8 A Personally involved in and, you know,
we got
9 around that before. We don't necessarily have to be
at
10 the bench doing the stuff day in and day out to
either be
11 an inventor, write up the articles or anything.

People
12 worked for me, and I reviewed the work they did.

13 Q In Exhibit 18 you say that to
volatilize the
14 hypothetical nicotine analogue, you would need some
form
15 of electrical or chemical heating; is that right?

16 A I say that, yes.

17 Q Okay. Is that your opinion?

18 A Well, that's based on the assumption
that

19 it's like nicotine. If it was not like nicotine,

then you
20 don't need it. I mean that's based on assuming that

it's
21 going to have the delivery properties of nicotine
but
22 without having the cardiovascular effects. You
could
23 broaden this out.
24 Q Well, is this hypothetical nicotine
analogue
25 like nicotine or not?

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1 A It's -- no, it's not like nicotine
because it
2 doesn't have the cardiovascular effects.
3 Q What are the other chemical properties
of it,
4 for example, the thermodynamic properties?
5 A If we knew exactly what they were, I
could
6 tell you.
7 Q Could you draw the nicotine molecule
for me?
8 A I believe I can.
9 Q Can you draw this hypothetical nicotine
10 analogue for me?
11 A No. I would start with pyridine and
start
12 modifying it.
13 Q Well, do you know what this molecule
looks
14 like that Dr. DeNoble has described?
15 A I think I do because I have structures
of all
16 the analogues that have been synthesized.
17 Q Why don't you draw the nicotine
molecule in
18 your hypothetical nicotine analogue so we can just
record
19 it.
20 A I cannot draw you the hypothetical
nicotine
21 analogue.
22 Q Well, let's start with nicotine.
23 A (Witness complied.) Something like
that. I
24 don't remember. I'm not an organic chemist.
25 Q Can you just write in "nicotine"?

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1 A I'm not going to write it because I'm
not
2 sure that's what it is.
3 Q So you can't draw nicotine?
4 A It has a pyridine ring and pyrrolidine
ring
5 connected by a bond in between. This isn't a test
of my
6 memory, as I understand it.
7 Q I understand. You don't need to be
8 defensive.
9 A Well, I'm not being defensive. I'm not
going
10 to label it.
11 Q You don't know -- just so it's clear,
you're

12 not certain that what you've just drawn and what
we're
13 going to mark as Exhibit 19, you don't know whether
that's
14 nicotine or not; right?
15 A Not without checking against all the
other
16 structures.
17 (The document referred to above was
18 marked Defendant's Exhibit No. 19 for
19 identification by the Certified Shorthand
20 Reporter and is attached hereto.)
21 Q Okay. And you certainly are incapable
of
22 drawing this hypothetical nicotine analogue that
23 Dr. DeNoble has described?

24 A Not -- I --
25 Q So that's Dr. DeNoble's analogue?

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1 A It's going to be a nicotine analogue,
2 3-methyl, 4-methyl, one of these things, and we
normally
3 put an X there to let you know that could be
anywhere on
4 the ring. And I have papers that describe all of
these,
5 the patents that Philip Morris had. I think I gave
you
6 references to some of those. But basically I did
not come
7 here today prepared to take a test in organic
chemistry.
8 If you want me to do that, I'm perfectly capable of
doing
9 it. The way I normally work is not to remember all
the
10 specific details but to remember the generalities
and look
11 up the specific details.
12 To put it in context, when I went to
college
13 and when I taught in college, all of the tests were
open
14 book.

15 Q Uh-huh. Sure. I'd love to go to that
16 college.

17 A Clarkson University.
18 Q Other than Exhibit 18, have you done
any
19 additional writings on your opinions in this case?

20 A No, I have not.
21 Q You had indicated that maybe you wanted
to
22 find some citations for your expert report at your
prior
23 deposition. Have you done that?
24 A Citations for my prior report? I'm not
sure
25 what you are referring to.

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1 Q In your testimony you said that one of
the
2 things you wanted to do was maybe go back through

your
3 expert report and find some citations in the
supporting
4 published literature. Do you remember that?
5 A Well, I didn't recognize it was
published. I
6 thought that's what I was doing by finding these
documents
7 that I provided to you, things that would support
the
8 testimony in those documents. I didn't realize it
had to
9 be published.
10 Q Well, have you gone back to your expert
11 report in this case and attempted to footnote it, to
cite
12 it to any of the documents that you have reviewed?
13 A No, not specifically.
14 Q And all the additional documents that
you've
15 reviewed you've produced to us?
16 A For this action, yes.
17 Q So we're clear, there may have been
other
18 documents that you've reviewed since our prior
deposition
19 for other cases that you have not produced to us;
20 correct?
21 A Correct.
22 Q On the first day of your deposition you
23 stated that the way to determine whether a cigarette
is
24 safer is to put it through a battery of biological
25 activity tests and have that data peer reviewed. I
just

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1 want to know what the various tests for biological
2 activity are that you're familiar with.
3 A That I am familiar with?
4 Q Yes.
5 A We first break them down into the mode
of
6 administration of the chemical to the animal.
7 Let's talk about animal tests and then
talk
8 about human tests.
9 In animal testing we can take the
chemical,
10 we can feed it to the animal, we can paint their
skin with
11 it, and we can do it by inhalation. So there's
three
12 different modes of administration to animals.
13 There are other tests that involve cell
14 transformation where we have a Petri dish or some
other
15 culture system where we're growing cells and we
apply the
16 chemicals to those systems and we look for changes
in the
17 cells. There's a wide variety of those. Probably
you've
18 heard of the Ames test. The Ames test is one of

those,
19 But you can do it with cells of many, many different
20 types. So there's in vitro tests. There's in vivo
tests,
21 and there's human tests.
22 Q Okay. In terms of tests that are used
for
23 cigarettes, what are the ones that you're familiar
with?
24 A I'm familiar with the mouse skin
painting,
25 the salmonella assay, the Ames test, the hamster
embryo.

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1 There's a bunch of them that -- I can't
2 remember everything right now, but there was also
3 inhalation tests. I think I provided for you some
4 articles that I got off the Internet that discuss
the
5 testing protocols for some of these including the
6 environmental tobacco smoke inhalation
carcinogenicity
7 test, so I'm familiar with all those.
8 Q If you conduct biological activity
tests on
9 cigarettes and you're attempting to determine which
of two
10 cigarettes has the lesser amount of biological
activity,
11 what do you do if the cigarette is better in some
tests
12 but -- and we'll call that cigarette number 1 -- but
13 cigarette number 2 is better in other tests. How do
you
14 resolve that?

15 A That requires open discussion among
everybody
16 who is involved in that kind of testing to determine
which
17 of those parameters are going to be more relevant to
the
18 human system.

19 Q Do you have an opinion on which of the
20 biological activity tests are more relevant to the
human
21 system?

22 A Do I have a personal opinion on which
ones
23 are more relevant?

24 Q Expert opinion.

25 A Okay. Expert opinion. It changes with

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1 time.
2 Q Well, --
3 A I mean this is a consensus scientific
thing.
4 It's not something that Bill Farone or Jeff Seeman
or
5 any -- or Tom Osdene can opine on their own, you
know,
6 alone and say, "Okay, this is what it is."
7 There's a lot of correlation work that
needs

8 to be done between the results in those tests and
the
9 results that you see in human monitoring programs
where
10 you follow people, that things happen to them, they
get
11 cancer, they don't, whether they smoke or not smoke.
And
12 you relate those effects to the same effects in the
animal
13 tests.

14 So inhalation tests, of course, would
be
15 important. One of the industry's main arguments for
years
16 was that there weren't positive inhalation tests,
which
17 was not right, but if -- so they say that was the
most
18 important factor.

19 Q Getting back to my question, which test
of
20 biological activity do you think is most relevant to
the
21 human system? And if it varies over time, please
tell me
22 for which time period which particular test is most
23 relevant.

24 A Okay. The ones that I consider to be
the two
25 most relevant tests are those which show on a
molecular

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1 biology level transformation of cells because that's
the
2 key to start off with. If chemicals don't transform
cells
3 in a variety of systems, then they're probably safer
than
4 those that do transform cells, so cell
transformation
5 tests and human experience.

6 Q Okay. Which cell transformation test
do you
7 think is most relevant to the human system?

8 A I don't think there's a single cell
9 transformation test. The way I judge it, is let us
say
10 that I have protocols of seven cell transformation
tests.
11 After I eliminate artifacts in the tests that are
due to
12 the way they are run or the media that the cells are
in, I
13 should be able to find compounds that are negative
in all
14 of those tests if I'm going to consider that they're
safe.

15 Q Well, focusing on safer, which was the
16 question, --

17 A Right.

18 Q -- what do you do if in some cell
19 transformation tests cigarette 1 produces less

biological

20 activity but in the other cell transformation test
21 cigarette 2 produces less biological activity?
22 A Okay. There's two parts.
23 One is in the absence off correlative

data

24 with human testing -- let's take that one. Let's
assume
25 that we don't know what the relevance of any of
those

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1 tests are to the human system. Then if I had seven
tests
2 and those tests were not developed randomly, that
they're
3 all developed to show, I would use statistics to
help me
4 determine whether or not if they were -- if one of
those
5 products was effective in one of the tests and was
safe in
6 six and the other was effective in five and safe in
two, I
7 think I would go with the product that was safe in
six out
8 of seven.

9 Q So for you it's just going to be a
"majority
10 rules" proposition?

11 A Only in the absence of correlative
human
12 data.

13 Q How does one obtain correlative human
data on
14 proposed changes to cigarettes?

15 For example, I'm a cigarette company,
and I
16 want to see whether adding a certain substance to my
17 cigarettes increases or decreases the biological
activity
18 of the cigarette.

19 A Yes.

20 Q How would I go about getting human data
on
21 that addition?

22 A Okay. That's a relatively
straightforward
23 proposition.

24 First of all, you go and look at the
data for
25 the individual ingredients. Worker exposure to
those

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1 specific individual ingredients is a first nice
starting
2 place. That data bank is -- OSHA and other people
who do
3 that kind of thing have that data bank.

4 Q Does it have a name?

5 A There's many of them, toxicology
databases.

6 I mean there's dozens of them. Medline is one place
you

7 can go and start finding that kind of information.
8 But that's one area you can go.
9 So if we know that there's -- that's
why I
10 gave you some of the papers I did.
11 If you know that there's 1,3-butandiol
in
12 cigarette smoke, we can go look up the name for --
13 look up the data on 1,3-butandiol.
14 Now, this may seem difficult because we
know
15 there's thousands of compounds, but that's the way
you
16 have to go about doing it.
17 So now we have the individual data. We
start
18 looking at dose response for the individual data to
see
19 what we can learn from that. It's also extremely
20 important to start keeping track of the human
experience
21 by brand and by subcategories within brands so that
we
22 know by looking at the composition of the cigarette
smoke
23 from each of those brands, we can come up with a
profile
24 of what constitutes a safer cigarette.
25 Q Assume that I'm not willing to take the
risk

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1 of putting it into a brand unless I have additional
data.
2 Is the only place I can get data on the human
experience
3 these toxicology databases that you're referring to?
4 A No. I mean if you're starting with a
new
5 compound that you've synthesized, you don't know
anything
6 about it, is that the question?
7 Q Sure.
8 A Okay. Well, if you take a new one,
there's a
9 protocol for that. You start off -- you do the in
vitro
10 tests. You do in vivo tests. And if you're going
to
11 expose humans to it, you have to consider whether
this is
12 going to fall under, like, FDA or somebody's
jurisdiction.
13 After you have enough evidence
concerning the
14 in vitro and in vivo safety of that material, you
apply
15 for an investigational new drug application, for
example,
16 to see if you can use that in humans to get some
17 preliminary validity of your assumption that this is
safe.
18 So there is a protocol that pharmaceutical companies
use

19 all the time to define things that are safe that are
20 capable of being administered to people.
21 Q Okay. And all of this, of course,
would need
22 to be done before your hypothetical nicotine
analogue
23 could be introduced into cigarettes; right?
24 A Correct, in my opinion.
25 Q Well, we are here for your opinions,
not here

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1 for my opinions.
2 A Yes, it would have to be done.
3 Q Do you agree that for a safer cigarette
to be
4 a commercial success, people would have to smoke it?
5 A For it to be a commercial success, the
6 material has to get into the lungs or be absorbed
through
7 the buccal -- the mouth and some tissue to get into
the
8 bloodstream.
9 Yes, I agree, I mean, if that's what
you mean
10 by "smoke."
11 Q I asked you not about smoke. Let's try
12 again.
13 Do you agree that for a safer cigarette
to be
14 a commercial success, people have to smoke it?
15 MR. SHUB: I object.
16 THE WITNESS: I think that's the question you
17 asked before. What do you mean by "smoke"?
18 BY MR. BHATIA:
19 Q All right. I see your problem.
20 Do you agree that for a safer cigarette
to be
21 a commercial success, people have to buy it?
22 A Yes, --
23 MR. SHUB: I object.
24 THE WITNESS: -- I agree with that.
25 ///

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1 BY MR. BHATIA:
2 Q And would you agree that you haven't
really
3 advanced the ball very much if you make a safer
cigarette
4 that no one in the world is willing to buy?
5 A No.
6 Q You don't agree with that?
7 A Huh-uh.
8 Q Okay. Can you explain to me how you
reduce
9 the risk of people getting a disease by developing a
safer
10 cigarette if no one in the world anywhere is willing
to
11 buy it and smoke it?
12 A Well, that wasn't -- the second
question that
13 you asked me, did I agree whether they had to --
there

14 were two parts to the question, but what I have in
mind is
15 that you could give it away to start off to prove to
16 people that it's okay. You can advertise the
benefit of
17 it. I mean there's a bunch of things you can do
that
18 ensure commercial success.
19 Q Okay. If no one is willing to buy or
utilize
20 the safer cigarette anywhere in the world, has the
21 cigarette company who introduced the product done
anything
22 to reduce the risk of smokers getting disease?
23 A Yes.
24 Q How?
25 A Because in trying to sell it, they have

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1 advertised or they have stated that the other
products are
2 in fact risky, so they've educated the public as to
what
3 the risks are, and then the people can make an
informed
4 opinion as to whether they want to continue using
the
5 product that they have. So they've been very
beneficial
6 to the entire business because they'll end up with
people
7 who use their product who are truly informed of the
risks
8 of the existing product.
9 Q If nobody quit smoking regular
cigarettes
10 and continues to smoke them just as they did before,
has
11 there been any reduction in the risk of people
getting
12 disease?

13 A No.
14 Q Okay. Now, you keep talking about
15 advertising products as being safer.

16 A Yes.
17 Q It's your opinion that cigarette
companies --

18 for example, Reynolds -- should have advertised
Premier as
19 being a safer product?

20 A No, that's not what I said.
21 Q Okay. Is it your opinion that

cigarette
22 companies should advertise no-additive products,
products
23 that contain no ingredients added to them as being
safer?

24 MR. SHUB: Object.

25 THE WITNESS: I didn't say that.

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1 BY MR. BHATIA:

2 Q I asked you is that your opinion?

3 A No.

4 Q They shouldn't do that?

5 MR. SHUB: Object.
6 THE WITNESS: I'm not -- I mean there's a
specific
7 way that I think you do -- you bring to the public's
8 attention the safer cigarette that works for
everybody
9 that makes sense. That's my opinion. The way you
do that
10 is to provide the cigarette and the information to
11 independent bodies who look at the data, who study
it.
12 They write a report.
13 Let me give you an example of something
I
14 brought up while I was at Philip Morris. Suppose
Lucky
15 Sevens, a Japanese brand -- I think that's one of
the
16 major brands -- the Japanese were to issue a report
which
17 showed that the smoking per capita was much more in
Japan
18 but the cancer rates were much less, so this report
is
19 given out, and then what happens is they introduce
the
20 cigarette in the United States, Lucky Sevens from
Japan,
21 and they allow people to be aware of the information
just
22 by referencing it -- it could be an FDA information,

23 could be public available information through the
24 literature -- the people will then come to the
conclusion,
25 the users of this product, without the company
making the

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1 claim that it's safer, because that's always a risky
2 proposition, to make the safer claim, but the
information
3 is available, the cigarette is available, so the
informed
4 public makes the connection.
5 Q Is that sort of like an implicit health
6 claim?
7 A An implicit health claim? If we are
talking
8 about a state of affairs where this is all done in
concert
9 with the government it could be more than implicit
because
10 the claims could be approved. So then it would be
an
11 explicit health claim.
12 Q So to advertise these safer cigarettes,
one
13 would need the cooperation of the government?
14 A To advertise them directly, that's
correct.
15 Q Okay. On the first day of your
deposition
16 you identified a number of ways in which you believe

that
17 cigarettes could be made safer. Do you remember
that?
18 A Yes.
19 Q Are there any additional ways other
than what
20 you gave me, Exhibit 18, that you left out on the
first
21 day of your deposition?
22 A Probably, because I mean I -- I don't
know
23 that my list included everything I was able to think
of.
24 It was what I was able to think of at that time.
But if
25 you're asking me can I think right now of any other
ones,

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1 the answer is no.
2 Q So as you sit here today other than
what you
3 told me on day one of your deposition and what you
gave me
4 in Exhibit 18, you don't know of any other ways to
make a
5 safer cigarette?
6 A As of right now, that's correct.
7 Q One of the ways that you stated
cigarettes
8 could be made safer was if a cigarette was made that
9 replaced nicotine with a nicotine-like mixture or
10 combination.
11 Do you remember that?
12 A Yes.
13 Q And to make that cigarette you'd need
to make
14 a cigarette with a lower nicotine content so you
could add
15 this nicotine mixture or nicotine-like combination
to it;
16 right?
17 A It's a combination of ingredients that
would
18 enhance or replace the effects of nicotine rather
than --
19 the idea there is rather than a single chemical like
the
20 nicotine analogue, I'm going to do it with a
combination
21 of ingredients.
22 Q Right. I understand.
23 But what I was trying to get at was
before
24 you add this nicotine-like mixture to the cigarette,
the
25 existing nicotine in the tobacco would somehow have
to be

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1 either removed or reduced.
2 A Okay. I'll accept that.
3 Q You agree with that?
4 A Yes.

5 Q And you have identified two ways, as I
6 understand it, in which to remove or reduce the
nicotine
7 in the tobacco.
8 The first was you take the nicotine out
of
9 the tobacco using the supercritical CO2 process that
10 Philip Morris developed.
11 And the second was to try to grow
tobacco
12 that naturally had lower or reduced nicotine
content.
13 Right?
14 A Well, there's an exception. I mean the
15 extraction wasn't limited to what Philip Morris did.
Any
16 extraction process will do. You can use water. I
mean
17 you don't have to use supercritical CO2. I just use
that
18 as an example of an extraction process.
19 Q But the process we were discussing was
20 supercritical CO2 extraction; right?
21 A I'm not sure.
22 MR. SHUB: That was the process you were
23 discussing, Vineet.
24 BY MR. BHATIA:
25 Q What other process in your deposition
on day

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1 one did you describe to remove nicotine from
tobacco?
2 A I don't know. I'm just saying that the
3 principal or the unit operation involved is
extraction.
4 And the extraction with supercritical CO2 was only
one
5 example.
6 You can use ammonia. You can use
nitrogen.
7 You can use water. We can probably use
supercritical
8 alcohol. There's any number of ways by which we can
9 perform extraction.
10 Q Back to my question.
11 What other methods of extraction did
you
12 describe on the first day of your deposition?
13 A I don't have the deposition, but I
recall --
14 I think we discussed a little bit about water
extraction.
15 I mentioned -- did I mention a device that Reynolds
had
16 where they did water extraction?
17 Q No, sir, you didn't.
18 A Okay. Well, that is one thing I'm
aware of.
19 Q Philip Morris developed a cigarette
that
20 utilized supercritical CO2 extraction to remove
nicotine

21 from tobacco; right?
22 A Yes.
23 Q And that process occurred after you had
left
24 the company in large part; right?
25 A The commercial product was developed
after I

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1 left the company.
2 Q Okay. And have you reviewed any of the
3 research that Philip Morris conducted into the
4 supercritical CO2 extraction process?
5 A I believe -- didn't I give you some of
that
6 information? I believe that was in the package that
I
7 gave you.
8 Q I don't think so.
9 A Oh, I think it was.
10 Q Okay. We've got it. Can you show it
to me?
11 A Sure.
12 Q Start with these documents. Are they
in
13 there?
14 A No. It's in the --
15 Q Let's give him all of day one. You
have
16 the -- here you go, sir.
17 A Hang on.
18 MR. BHATIA: Let the record reflect that I'm
giving
19 Dr. Farone the documents he provided to me on day
one of
20 his deposition.
21 THE WITNESS: In these documents that I'm
looking
22 at, part of what I'm looking at are documents that
23 describe runs that were made on analytical equipment
that
24 look at the effects of production of things like
ammonia,
25 acetaldehydes or aldehydes in general.

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1 BY MR. BHATIA:
2 Q Well, I understand, and that's very
nice, but
3 what I asked you, sir, was what research did you
review
4 that goes to Philip Morris's supercritical fluid
5 extraction process? If you just point the documents
out
6 to me, we can mark them as an exhibit.
7 A I'm looking for these. As I recall, in
8 these, in the document I'm looking at, there is
reference
9 to -- here, I found one page. ART Model A. ART
Model D.
10 Q Let's mark these.
11 A Let me keep looking. Here's more.
Here's
12 another one.

13 Q Uh-huh.
14 A Then there's the summary document.
15 Rather than take the time --
16 Q No, I want you to take the time.
17 A You do?
18 MR. BHATIA: Yes, sir.
19 We're going to mark these pages that
20 Dr. Farone gives me as the next exhibit. I believe
it's
21 Exhibit 20.
22 Do you have any way of noting how long
it
23 takes him to review the documents?
24 (Whereupon a discussion was held off the
25 record.)

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1 MR. BHATIA: Why don't you mark the time now.
2 (Off the record from 11:28 a.m. until
3 11:32 a.m.)
4 THE WITNESS: That's another document.
5 MR. BHATIA: Okay.
6 THE WITNESS: Actually, this whole file on
7 tobacco-specific nitrosamines is relevant.
8 (The documents referred to above were
9 marked collectively Defendant's Exhibit No.
10 20 for identification by the Certified
11 Shorthand Reporter and is attached hereto.)
12 BY MR. BHATIA:
13 Q I'm not asking for things that are
relevant.
14 I asked you to find me the research into Philip
Morris's
15 supercritical extraction process, the process itself
that
16 was used to extract nicotine.
17 A Well, I'm interested in the effects of
the
18 process.
19 Q I didn't ask you about the effects.
That
20 could be later in the deposition.
21 I want to know what documents you have
looked
22 at that discussed the process itself, the chemical
23 parameters of the process.
24 A I don't have those documents. I don't
have
25 documents that describe the chemical parameters of
the

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1 process.
2 Q Okay. So just so we're clear, the only
3 documents you have reviewed involving the
supercritical
4 CO2 extraction process deals with the effects of the
5 process as opposed to the process itself; correct?
6 A That is correct.
7 Q All right. And while you were at
Philip
8 Morris -- strike that.

9 Do you know why the plaintiffs' counsel
in
10 the various cases from around the country didn't
send you
11 documents that relate to Philip Morris's process for
12 extracting nicotine from tobacco using supercritical
CO2?

13 A I have no idea.

14 Q Are you aware of research that Philip
Morris
15 did that demonstrated that the supercritical
extraction of
16 nicotine from tobacco fundamentally changed the
structure
17 of the tobacco and altered the way in which it
tasted when
18 smoked?

19 A Everything that you do fundamentally
changes
20 the structure -- in making cigarettes changes the
21 structure and alters the taste. So, yes, I'm not
22 surprised.

23 Q But the question is are you aware of
that
24 research that Philip Morris did?

25 A No.

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1 Q And you've not reviewed that research
then;
2 correct?

3 A That is correct.

4 Q Are you aware of studies that Philip
Morris
5 conducted which demonstrated that smokers did not
accept
6 the taste of cigarettes that contained tobacco that
had
7 been extracted using the supercritical CO2 process?

8 MR. SHUB: I'm going to object to that. Are
you
9 making a representation that such studies existed in
--

10 MR. BHATIA: Go ahead. You can answer the
11 question.

12 MR. SHUB: Don't answer the question.

13 MR. BHATIA: You can direct him not to
answer.

14 That's your prerogative.

15 MR. SHUB: I'm asking you a question.

16 MR. BHATIA: I'm not answering your
questions. I'm

17 not here to be deposed.

18 MR. SHUB: Well, the question is based on --

19 MR. BHATIA: You want to depose me, issue a
notice.

20 MR. SHUB: The question is based on a
21 representation that such studies existed.

22 MR. BHATIA: I asked him a question, whether
he's
23 aware of or not, and he can answer that yes or no.
So

24 you're wrong again.

25 MR. SHUB: Well, I'm not wrong. It's not a
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1 question of right or wrong.
2 MR. BHATIA: Yes, it is, and it's a question
of
3 interrupting the deposition, one that we don't have
much
4 time to complete. So I would ask you to refrain and
5 follow the case management order as I did the last
time we
6 were here.
7 MR. SHUB: Well, I'm going to object to the
8 question.
9 MR. BHATIA: Then just object.
10 BY MR. BHATIA:
11 Q Do you remember the question?
12 A Yes.
13 I'm aware of studies that said it was
14 acceptable, that smoking it was acceptable to
consumers.
15 Q What studies?
16 A The ones that were referenced in the
17 discussion in the popular press about why the
product was
18 introduced to the market, why it failed, and all the
rest
19 of it.
20 And I believe Philip Morris made
21 representations to the effect they had tested it
among
22 consumers and it was acceptable, and that's why they
put
23 it on the market. So it seems if they had studies
that
24 said it was unacceptable, then somehow that's
25 contradictory to what they stated publicly.

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1 Q What are you referring to?
2 A The discussions about -- in the FDA
3 information with regard to the reasons why the
no-nicotine
4 cigarette failed.
5 Q What FDA information?
6 A I don't remember the exact -- you asked
me if
7 I was aware, and I answered that I am aware. I
didn't --
8 Q No. I asked you if you were aware of
studies
9 that showed that it was unacceptable.
10 A And I'm not.
11 Q So the answer is no, you're not?
12 A Right.
13 Q Okay. Are you aware that Philip Morris
did
14 tests using the supercritical extraction process in
which
15 they would extract tobacco and add back the
extracted
16 nicotine and then have internal smoke panels with
Philip
17 Morris employees smoking that tobacco to see how it

18 tasted?
19 MR. SHUB: Object.
20 THE WITNESS: I don't recall right now. I
mean
21 that's typical. I've seen so many tests in my time
there
22 and here that I wouldn't be at all surprised. But I
23 cannot as I sit here recall a specific test on
24 CO2-extracted material added back. I'm aware of the
fact
25 that it was added back.

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1 BY MR. BHATIA:
2 Q Right, but let's face it. The
extraction and
3 the add-back studies would have occurred after you
left
4 Philip Morris in 1984; right?
5 A For supercritical CO2. I mean Merit
has some
6 extracted --
7 Q That's what we're talking about. We're
not
8 talking about something else. We're talking about
9 supercritical CO2 extraction.
10 A Okay. Fine.
11 Q So you wouldn't have seen the studies
while
12 you were at Philip Morris?
13 A Correct.
14 Q And since that time no plaintiffs'
counsel
15 from around the country sending you documents has
sent you
16 those documents; right?
17 A That's correct.
18 Q So you're not aware of those studies;
19 correct?
20 A Only through the popular press, like I
said.
21 I'm not aware of the negative ones, correct.
22 Q But it's your testimony then that in
the
23 popular press it was reported that Philip Morris did
work
24 to extract the nicotine and then add back the
extracted
25 material and then had internal smoke panels smoke
it?

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1 A No. It's my testimony that --
2 Q Well, that's what the question was.
3 A Okay. Then the answer is no.
4 MR. SHUB: Are you going to let him finish
his
5 answer?
6 MR. BHATIA: I'm not going to let him be
7 nonresponsive, no.
8 MR. SHUB: Well, then, move to strike it, but
let
9 him finish his answer.
10 MR. BHATIA: I'm not going to move to strike.
I'm

11 going to move forward in my deposition, and you can
 12 object.
 13 MR. SHUB: It's very rude --
 14 MR. BHATIA: It's not rude.
 15 MR. SHUB: -- to cut him off.
 16 MR. BHATIA: What's rude -- I don't want to
 get
 17 into an argument with you again.
 18 MR. SHUB: Well, don't cut him off. That's
 my
 19 point.
 20 MR. BHATIA: Well, don't interrupt him.
 Don't
 21 coach him. Follow the case management order.
 22 MR. SHUB: Don't cut him off, Vineet, like
 you just
 23 did.
 24 BY MR. BHATIA:
 25 Q Just so we're clear, you have not seen
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 1 studies in which Philip Morris extracted the
 nicotine from
 2 tobacco, added it back, and then had internal smoke
 panels
 3 smoke that tobacco; correct?
 4 A That is correct.
 5 Q Now, another way you believe that
 nicotine
 6 could be removed from tobacco is genetic
 engineering;
 7 right?
 8 A That's correct.
 9 Q And you are aware that Philip Morris
 had a
 10 program at Calgene to attempt to genetically
 engineer a
 11 reduced-alkaloid tobacco plant?
 12 A That's correct.
 13 Q Who was in charge of that project?
 14 A I don't know.
 15 Q Was that project ongoing while you were
 at
 16 Philip Morris, or did it occur after you left Philip
 17 Morris?
 18 A We had a separate one with Crop
 Genetics
 19 International while I was there.
 20 Q I asked you about Calgene.
 21 A No, I'm not aware of who was in charge
 or --
 22 that happened after I was there.
 23 Q So the project at Calgene started after
 you
 24 were at Philip Morris?
 25 A That's correct.
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 1 Q And you don't know who was in charge of
 the
 2 project?
 3 A At Calgene?
 4 Q No, at Philip Morris.
 5 A No.
 6 Q You don't know who at Philip Morris --

7 A Correct.
8 Q -- was in charge of the Calgene
project?
9 A That's correct.
10 Q Okay. You've got to let me get the
question
11 on the record.
12 A Sure.
13 Q Thank you.
14 She can't take down the answers if they
come
15 in between.
16 MR. SHUB: Just --
17 BY MR. BHATIA:
18 Q Are you aware of studies at Philip
Morris
19 that demonstrate that the Calgene process to reduce
the
20 nicotine in tobacco was not inheritable in
subsequent
21 generations of tobacco plants?
22 A No, I'm not.
23 Q The plaintiffs' counsel in this case
didn't
24 send you those studies; right?
25 A I don't recall any studies.
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1 Q Now, you said at your prior deposition
that
2 you spoke to Ved Malik, and he told you that he
thought
3 genetic engineering of tobacco to reduce nicotine
could be
4 done; right?
5 A A little more specific. He said that
it had
6 been done.
7 Q Okay. When did you speak to him?
8 A A year ago? It was quite a while ago.
9 Q What was -- go ahead, sir.
10 A We have -- we have a project for making
11 cyclosporin that Ved has been a consultant to us on.
As you
12 probably know, he works for USDA and -- well,
anyway, he's
13 been a consultant to us for the cyclosporin project,
so
14 that came up in the context of other genetic
engineering
15 work that had been done, and he indicated that
16 publications from North Carolina State University
covered
17 similar information.
18 I had asked him if there were any
published
19 references to that, and I haven't had an opportunity
to go
20 look up all the literature on it. But that's what
21 information he gave me.
22 Q So it's your testimony that Dr. Malik
gave
23 you some published references from North Carolina
State

24 that demonstrate that the genetic engineering of
tobacco
25 to reduce nicotine was possible?
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1 A Well, we all knew that. It was done
actually
2 earlier than the North Carolina State. It's a
question, I
3 believe, of whether the trait was inheritable we
were
4 talking about.
5 Q Okay, sir.
6 Where are these North Carolina State
7 publications?
8 A I didn't look it up because it's --
see, we
9 knew when I was there that you could do low-nicotine
10 tobacco. That's been known for a long time. As a
matter
11 of fact, some of the documents I gave you, I believe
12 Caroline Levy used it in some of the testing they
did.
13 Q Where are these cites today to the
North
14 Carolina State publications that demonstrate
15 inheritability?
16 A I did not look it up.
17 Q Did you keep Dr. Malik's citations?
18 A He didn't give me any citations. It
was a
19 telephone conversation.
20 Q Okay. Did you discuss anything else in
this
21 conversation with Dr. Malik?
22 A Yes.
23 Q What else did you discuss?
24 A The method of increasing the rate of
25 production of cyclosporin from the cultures that we
had in
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1 house, that we were trying to increase the rate of
2 production of cyclosporin.
3 Q What is cyclosporin?
4 A Cyclosporin is a drug that sells for
\$30,000
5 per kilogram that's a -- it's given to people to
diminish
6 their immune system during organ transplants. It's
also
7 given as part of AIDS treatment. It's also used in
8 ophthalmic applications to decrease the idea of
rejecting
9 transplanted corneas and things of that sort.
10 Q Now, at your prior deposition you said
that
11 you also thought the genetic engineering work was
possible
12 because of a discussion you had with AgriCetus,
13 A-g-r-i-C-e-t-u-s.
14 A That's correct.
15 Q What's AgriCetus?
16 A AgriCetus, as I think I may have
testified

17 before, is the joint venture between Cetus
Corporation and
18 the University of Wisconsin. I think it's
subsequently
19 been bought out, but at the time I was at Philip
Morris I
20 was directed to that work by Mr. Weissman who was
the -- I
21 think he's the brother-in-law of Cliff Goldsmith,
22 something like that. It was a contact that came
down from
23 New York that said we should discuss with AgriCetus
the
24 work they had done about genetic modifications of
tobacco.
25 Q Who did you speak to at AgriCetus?
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1 A I do not recall.
2 Q Did you speak to AgriCetus about
Calgene's
3 work?
4 A No. Calgene happened much after that.
5 AgriCetus was in the time frame of 1976 to '84,
probably
6 closer to '82, actually.
7 Q Okay. All right.
8 The next thing you say that needs to be
done
9 to make safer cigarette is to remove all the
nitrates that
10 are naturally present in tobacco; right?
11 A Minimize the nitrates.
12 Q Reduce them?
13 A Yes.
14 Q And the way in which you say this can
be
15 done -- well, I'll just stop for a second.
16 Where exactly are the nitrates in
tobacco?
17 A I'm not sure if I understand the
question.
18 Q Well, I mean --
19 A If they're in tobacco, that's where
they are.
20 Q But where in the tobacco?
21 A In the cell structure? I don't
understand
22 what level of detail you're interested in.
23 Q Well, the cell structure is a start.
24 I mean the nitrates aren't sitting on
top of
25 the leaf, are they?
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1 A Some of them are.
2 Q Some of them. But where's the rest of
them?
3 A The primary part is inside of the --
it's
4 bound to the cell wall.
5 Nitrate is what we call an anion.
6 In order for it to be compatible with the laws of
nature,

7 it has to have a cation, so-called, that's with it.
And
8 so it will be bound to a cation or a cationic site
inside
9 the tobacco. It's water soluble, so it's relatively
easy
10 to remove.

11 Q What percentage of the nitrate is in
the cell
12 structure of the tobacco as opposed to on the leaf
13 surface?

14 A The majority of it is in specific parts
of
15 the cell structure which are the pathways by which
water
16 was normally transported, but it's throughout the
cell
17 structure.

18 Q Can you answer my question?

19 A Percentage?

20 Q Yes.

21 A It changes. It depends on the type of
22 tobacco. It depends on --

23 Q Pick a type.

24 A I'd say take burley, for example.

Probably

25 98 percent is in the structure as opposed to on it.

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1 Q So 98 percent is in the cell structure,
and

2 only 2 percent is on the surface; correct?

3 A And when we say "in the cell
structure," I

4 don't necessarily mean inside the walls of
individual

5 cells. Could be trapped between cells.

6 I mean we're talking about a piece of
tobacco

7 and whether it's inside that piece of tobacco and
whether

8 it's sitting on the surface.

9 Q So it's inside the tobacco. It may not
be in

10 the cells themselves, but in the cellulose structure
of

11 the tobacco plant; correct?

12 A I'll agree with that.

13 Q And your idea of how to get it out from
14 inside the cellulosic structure of the tobacco plant
is to

15 either use some kind of water-extraction process or
use

16 microbes that are somehow applied to the tobacco; is
that

17 right?

18 A Yes. There's three ways to do it. And
one

19 is think of the leaf. This is long before it gets
to the

20 tobacco company. It could be done at the tobacco
company.

21 But the idea is that during the curing process you
have

22 the opportunity to remove it because in some curing
23 processes, for example, in Oriental, Turkish, it's
reduced
24 automatically by the microbes.
25 So if you have a little bit of water --
it

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1 doesn't have to be sopping wet, but you have to have
2 enough, 20 percent say, 10 percent, to allow the
nitrate
3 to transport, to move to the surface where the
microbes
4 are -- by diffusion, since you have long periods of
time
5 during the curing process, you can essentially
reduce it
6 to very low numbers.

7 Q So there are three ways. One is to
have a
8 little bit of water and cure the tobacco like you
would
9 cure Oriental.
10 Two is to get it sopping wet, extract
the
11 nitrate from the water solubles, and then apply back
the
12 remaining water solubles.
13 And three is to treat the tobacco with
14 microbes?

15 A No. Three is to change the
horticulture in
16 the tobacco so that it doesn't depot nitrate in the
first
17 place.

18 Q So three is some kind of genetic
modification
19 of the tobacco plant so that it does not uptake
nitrates?

20 A Combined with agronomic practice
changes so
21 they don't use nitrate fertilizers in growing the
tobacco
22 because that's where a lot of it comes from.

23 Q Okay. I'm going to start with number
one.
24 Do you have a name for these microbes you
would
25 use to apply to the tobacco?

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1 A Well, I know the general
classifications of
2 the ones that work. They're bacillus, Alcaligenes
and
3 Pseudomonads. Pseudomonas, we're talking about
genera of
4 microbes that are known to use nitrate.

5 MR. HURWITZ: Could you spell last two?
6 THE WITNESS: Probably.
7 MR. HURWITZ: Probably can do it better than
I can.

8 THE WITNESS: Well, Alcaligenes is
9 A-l-k-i-g-e-n-e-s [sic].
10 Bacillus is -- you've got that one.

11 And the other one is Pseudomonas, which
is
12 P-s-e-u-d-o-m-o-n-a-s, I believe.
13 MR. HURWITZ: That wasn't a test. I just
wanted to
14 get them to write it down.
15 MR. BHATIA: It was good for the reporter. I
was
16 going to ask you to do it.
17 BY MR. BHATIA:
18 Q So it's your testimony that the
microbes
19 don't actually need to get inside the cell wall. If
the
20 microbes are used in a curing process similar to
Oriental,
21 you can leach the nitrates to the surface, have the
22 microbes eat up the nitrates, and then the nitrates
are
23 gone. Is that right?
24 A Close.
25 There's a chemical process called
diffusion

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1 whereas if I eliminate some chemical in one portion
of a
2 mixture, the other stuff is driven by the
concentration
3 gradient. It will move towards where you eliminate
it.
4 Q That's diffusion with an "i" and two
"f's"
5 as opposed to defusion with an "e" and one "f."
6 What does the tobacco cured in this
manner
7 taste like?
8 A According to some of the work we did --
there
9 was also some work done at FTR -- it doesn't taste
bad at
10 all. Doesn't -- I mean it tastes like normal
tobacco. I
11 don't know.
12 Q Does it taste like Oriental?
13 A No. They -- no. The Oriental is just
an
14 example. As you know we did a lot of work on curing
15 bright and curing burley and reverse curing them, so
16 there's a lot known about the chemistry, the changes
that
17 occur. The trick is not to cause any negative
changes
18 during the process. But the fellow who did most of
the
19 work on this was Helmut Gaisch at FTR, did a lot of
work
20 on it.
21 Q So the person most knowledgeable at
Philip
22 Morris about this microbial process, in your
opinion, is
23 Helmut Gaisch?

24 A I didn't say that. He did most of the
work
25 on it. I don't know that he was most knowledgeable
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1 because he's not a microbiologist.
2 Q Who, in your opinion, at Philip Morris
is
3 most knowledgeable about the microbial process?
4 A It's a group of people. Dan Teng was
5 involved in it.
6 Walter Hempfling was involved at one
point.
7 There's a whole group of people that were
8 involved in it.
9 Ray Dawson, who was a consultant at
that
10 time -- I don't know if Ray's still alive -- but he
was
11 very interested in it and was involved.
12 Q Okay. Have you personally ever smoked
13 tobacco that was treated with this microbial process
to
14 remove the nitrates?
15 A Yes, I have.
16 Q And when did you smoke it?
17 A Probably around 1979 or '78, something
of
18 that period of time.
19 Q How many cigarettes did you smoke?
20 A These were handmade cigarettes off of
the
21 little trial that I think Dan Teng did.
22 Q How many?
23 A Probably two or three only.
24 Q Two or three? That's all you smoked?
25 A Yes.

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CONFIDENTIAL - LINES 1 - 11

1 Q This test you're talking about, it
actually
2 involved using microbes as opposed to air curing
bright
3 tobacco, for example?
4 A Well, yes. It was using that air
curing
5 bright tobacco only as an example of how you could
modify
6 the chemistry if in fact the microbes changed it in
some
7 undesirable manner.
8 Q Did you ever review biological activity
9 testing of the tobacco that had been treated with
this
10 microbial process?
11 A Probably.
12 Q Well, I thought at your prior two
depositions
13 you said biological activity testing was very
sensitive
14 and you weren't allowed to see it.
15 A But there were some reports that came
out of
16 the Biological Research Division that we did see,

and most
17 of the time the results were coded so that you
didn't
18 know -- that's why I said "probably" -- so that you
didn't
19 know what the results related to.
20 But, in fact, I believe that's one of
the
21 things that we discussed with either Dr. Charles or
22 Dr. Osdene. I mean I'm pretty sure that I saw some
of the
23 data even though the issue was sensitive because,
like the
24 NOD process, the naturally occurring
denitrification,
25 since we were involved in it and working in it,
sometimes

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CONFIDENTIAL - LINES 7 - 10

1 that information would be shared with us.
2 Q So what do you remember about those
3 biological tests?
4 A I believe -- my recollection is that
the
5 biological tests showed in a good number of those
tests
6 that it was less active.
7 Q So you have a specific recollection of
8 biological activity testing of tobacco that had been
9 treated with microbes to remove nitrates; is that
right?
10 A Yes, I believe I do.
11 Q And what test was used?
12 A I don't recall. It would have been one
of
13 the cell level tests because it would have been test
14 results that were done in Richmond as opposed to
INBIFO or
15 FTR.
16 Q How many test results did you see?
17 A I don't recall.
18 Q When were those test results performed?
19 A Between 1976 and 1984.
20 Q Eight years. That's pinning it down.
21 A Well, probably --
22 MR. SHUB: Is that a question, Vineet?
23 MR. BHATIA: Yes.
24 MR. SHUB: What's the question?
25 ///

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1 BY MR. BHATIA:
2 Q Can you pin it down any better?
3 A Yes. I think I can.
4 Would be between '79 and '82 would be
the
5 most probable time for having seen those data.
6 Q And it's your best recollection that
all you
7 saw was one cell level test?
8 A No, I didn't say that. They usually --
9 sometimes the information that we saw would be a
score off
10 a battery of tests.

11 Q I'm not talking about sometimes. I
want to
12 know in this instance what do you remember seeing,
if
13 anything?
14 A I remember seeing the results of the
tests.
15 Q What tests?
16 A Of cell level tests.
17 I don't remember whether it was the
Ames test
18 or one of the other cell level tests they were
doing.
19 Salmonella. I don't remember that right now.
20 Q Was it a single test, or was it a
battery of
21 tests?
22 A It was a battery of tests.
23 Q Do you remember a single one of the
battery
24 of tests?
25 A Not as I sit here.

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1 MR. SHUB: Let's take a five-minute break.
2 MR. BHATIA: Any time you want to take a
break.

(Recess)

4 BY MR. BHATIA:
5 Q Dr. Farone, just for the jury's
6 understanding, these microbes are little living
7 organisms; right?
8 A Yes.
9 Q And are they like bacteria?
10 A Yes.
11 Q And it's your view that what should
happen is
12 bacteria should be treated -- or all tobacco should
be
13 treated with this bacteria to remove the nitrates?
14 A No.
15 Q No? Okay. What is your opinion?
16 A My opinion is that portions of the
blend
17 which are high in nitrate need to be treated but
that as
18 we mentioned before, a lot of the portions of the
blend
19 are already virtually free of nitrates, so we don't
have
20 to treat them.
21 Q So with that qualification, can you
tell me
22 which portions of the blend are high in nitrates?
23 A Burley. Burley stems. Those are the
high
24 nitrate portions.
25 After you remove that nitrate, then we
could

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1 go back and see if it was reduced far enough.
2 Q If you treated the sheet process that
3 utilized burley stem to reduce the nitrate in the
tobacco

4 sheet, that would accomplish the same goal, wouldn't
it?
5 A No, only to the extent that you remove
that
6 portion that comes out of burley stems where those
burley
7 stems are used in the sheet making process. But you
have
8 bandcast, which doesn't have it. Then, of course,
you
9 have the burley leaf tobacco which still has nitrate
in
10 it.

11 Q I was focusing, I thought, on the
burley
12 stem. Let me ask my question again.
13 If you treated the sheet processes that
14 utilized all the burley stem -- okay?

15 A Okay.
16 Q -- that would accomplish the same goal
of
17 reducing nitrates; right?

18 A It would reduce nitrates, but I don't
know if
19 it reduces it enough. I think you have to treat
more of
20 the blend than just the burley stem.

21 Q I was focusing just on the burley stem.

22 A Burley stem.

23 Q You can either treat the stems or treat
the
24 sheet process that utilizes the stem; right?

25 A Yes.

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CONFIDENTIAL - LINES 2 - 25

1 Q You don't have to do it in both places;
2 correct?

3 A No. If all the stem goes into the
4 sheet-making processes, then you can treat it in the
5 sheet-making processes.

6 Q And the other thing that needs to be
treated
7 is the burley itself?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Okay. And what evidence do you have
that it

10 would be commercially feasible to treat the great
volume

11 of tobacco that is utilized -- the great volume of
burley

12 tobacco and burley stem that is utilized to make
13 cigarettes with microbes?

14 A Well, if we take an analogy from the
stem --

15 from the RL treatment, the cost of doing the
treatment is

16 probably no more than -- is estimated to be about
the same

17 order of magnitude on the other portions of the
blend. And

18 there was evaluations done which showed that that
was

19 economically feasible.
20 Q Okay. So it's your testimony that
there was
21 analysis done by Philip Morris that demonstrated it
was
22 economically feasible to treat all the burley
tobacco that
23 is utilized in Philip Morris cigarettes with
microbes?
24 A No, that's not what I said.
25 I said by analogy with the studies that
were

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CONFIDENTIAL - LINES 1 - 5

1 done on the RL sheet. There were economic
evaluations
2 done on the RL sheet. I think I provided you a
Susan
3 Dobberstein report in the box which does an economic
4 analysis of the means of treating the RL sheet to
totally
5 remove the nitrate.
6 If you take that report and you extend
it by
7 analogy to the burley, rest of the burley, then
you'll get
8 an economic estimate of the cost of performing that
9 treatment.
10 Q Other than analogizing to the RL sheet
study
11 that you're referencing, do you have any other
evidence
12 that demonstrates it would be feasible to utilize
microbes
13 on all the burley that Philip Morris uses in its
14 cigarettes?
15 A Yes, I do.
16 Q What other evidence do you have?
17 A Obviously, it works a little bit to a
certain
18 extent on Oriental and Turkish, all of the Oriental
and
19 Turkish. So I mean the point is in making these
estimates
20 of cost, which I do all the time as part of my
business,
21 it is my opinion that it would be economically
feasible to
22 treat all of the burley.
23 Q Are microbes added to Oriental?
24 A They are indigenous to the Oriental.
25 Q So what is it about the Oriental
process that

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1 allows you to analogize to the prospect of adding
microbes
2 to burley and changing the manner in which burley is
3 cured?
4 A I didn't say we're changing the manner
in
5 which it's cured. It's the manner in which it's
stored.
6 You simply spray it before you send it off in

hogsheads to

7 the warehouse.

8 Q And who at Philip Morris is most
9 knowledgeable about spraying hogsheads of tobacco

with

10 these microbes to remove nitrates?

11 A I don't know.

12 Q While you were there, who was most
13 knowledgeable?

14 A I think I discussed that before. We
had

15 discussed this with Helmut Gaisch, the people from
FTR;

16 and, as I recall, Mr. Semp was involved in those
17 discussions. Dr. Teng. Jerry Whidby may have been
18 involved in those.

19 There's a bunch of people that were
involved

20 in those discussions, but I can't tell you who now
is most

21 knowledgeable in doing that.

22 Q Okay. And it's also your testimony
that

23 tests were done that utilized the process of
spraying

24 microbes on hogsheads of burley tobacco and then --

25 A I don't know --

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CONFIDENTIAL - LINES 8 - 15

1 Q Can I finish?

2 A Sure. Sorry.

3 Q -- and then analyzing the results of
the

4 microbial treatment?

5 A No.

6 Q That's not your testimony?

7 A It's not.

8 Q Okay. So what tests were done that
involved

9 actually utilizing the commercial manner in which
the

10 microbial process would be applied to burley
tobacco?

11 A I -- my recollection is that we
simulated --

12 or they simulated those tests so that they could
take

13 samples and run the analysis and that it wasn't on
actual

14 hogsheads. They were simulated hogsheads. It was
in

15 chambers, I believe.

16 Q What's "in chambers" mean?

17 A Well, instead of using a wooden
hogshead, you

18 construct a chamber which maintains the same
environmental

19 conditions as the hogshead so that you can monitor
the

20 course of the reaction as it goes on.

21 The FTR results that Dr. Gaisch did, I
do not

22 recall whether they put it in hogsheads or not.

23 Q Who conducted those tests?
24 A At FTR? I don't know.
25 Q Were all the tests conducted at FTR?
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CONFIDENTIAL - LINES 17 - 25
1 A No.
2 Q Well, who conducted the simulated tests
at
3 Richmond?
4 A Either Dr. Teng or Mr. Semp.
5 Q When were these tests conducted?
6 A At the same time frame. I don't know.
I
7 don't recall exactly.
8 Q What time frame?
9 A '78, -- '77 through '80 or '81.
10 Q Now, as I understood it, the reason why
you
11 thought nitrates should be reduced in tobacco is to
reduce
12 nitrosamine formation in tobacco smoke; is that
right?
13 A One of the reasons, yes.
14 Q And the other reason was to reduce
nitrous
15 oxide delivery in tobacco smoke?
16 A Yes.
17 Q And Philip Morris instituted a process
at the
18 reconstituted leaf facility called denitrification
in
19 which the nitrates were removed from the water
soluble
20 portions of tobacco that had been extracted from
stems and
21 other tobacco raw materials that were being used to
make
22 the RL sheet; right?
23 A No.
24 Q Philip Morris did not put in a
25 denitrification facility at the RL plant?
II-404
1 A Didn't remove the nitrates. Partially
2 removed the nitrates.
3 Q Removed some of the nitrates?
4 A Correct.
5 Q How much of the nitrates did the
process that
6 Philip Morris utilized remove? Again, let me
finish.
7 Now you answer.
8 A If I recall correctly, 70 to 80
percent,
9 something like that.
10 Q And the patents that Philip Morris
obtained
11 for the denitrification process in fact acknowledged
one
12 of the reasons why the nitrates were being removed
was to
13 reduce nitrous oxide delivery in cigarette smoke;
correct?
14 A Yes, that's correct.

15 Q And you reviewed those patents?
16 A Yes.
17 Q And it wasn't a secret that Philip
Morris was
18 trying to reduce the nitrous oxide delivery of its
19 cigarettes, was it?
20 A No.
21 Q And it was in the patents, and those
aren't
22 secret; correct?
23 A That's correct.
24 Q And was there anything in the patents
for
25 denitrification that talked about nitrosamines?
II-405
1 A I don't recall. I haven't reviewed
them
2 recently. I don't think so. But it may have been
because
3 we --
4 Q Okay. Because one added benefit of
reducing
5 the nitrates in the RL would be to reduce
nitrosamine
6 formation in the smoke from the reconstituted leaf.
7 That's a correct statement of your
opinion;
8 right?
9 A That's correct.
10 Q Now, to prevent nitrosamine formation
in
11 smoke, you need to remove the -- what you call the
12 nitrosating agent; is that right?
13 A I can generally agree with that, yes.
14 Q Okay. Nitrosamines exist in tobacco in
the
15 filler itself; is that right?
16 A There are indigenous nitrosamines that
have
17 been formed during curing, yes.
18 Q And I've seen it referred to in the
19 literature that the nitrosamines that are naturally
20 present from curing are distinguished from those
that
21 result from pyrosynthesis; is that right?
22 A I'm not -- I don't think that's a
correct
23 characterization. You have more -- I mean there are
some
24 that are in both classes. The ones that are
25 tobacco-specific nitrosamines can be indigenous.
Some
II-406
1 more of the same tobacco-specific nitrosamines can
be made
2 by pyrosynthesis.
3 Q In tobacco smoke from a cigarette, what
4 percentage of the nitrosamines are the result of the
5 endogenous nitrosamines, and what percentage result
from
6 pyrosynthesis?
7 A It's in that stack of documents that we

were
8 just looking at.
9 From memory I'd say it's about -- it's
in the
10 40 to 60 percent range or half or something like
that.
11 Q So about 50/50?
12 A Something like that? 60/40.
13 Q So somewhere between 50/50 and 60/40
14 endogenous versus pyrosynthesis?
15 A And it depends on the type. The NNK is
much
16 more pyrosynthetically. The nitrosornornicotine, I
think
17 there's a higher percentage that are indigenous.
18 Q Did you say "indigenous" or
"endogenous"?
19 A Endogenous. Whatever. Inherent in the
20 tobacco. Okay?
21 Q Now, does the burning of amino acids in
22 tobacco produce a nitrosating agent that could cause
23 nitrosamine production in the smoke?
24 A Any amine can cause nitrosamines given
the
25 right chemical conditions. So, yes, protein amino
acids

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1 are a source of nitrosamines which is why we
normally
2 differentiate between tobacco-specific nitrosamines
and
3 nitrosamines generally as a class.
4 Q There are amino acids in tobacco,
though;
5 correct?
6 A That is correct.
7 Q And let's say you could get all the
nitrates
8 out of tobacco --
9 A Okay.
10 Q -- but you still had amino acids. Do
you
11 have any estimate of how much the nitrosamine level
in
12 smoke would have been reduced?
13 A Yes. About 99 percent or better.
14 Q What do you base that on?
15 A I base it on the results of these
reports
16 that we just got through looking at where they
talked
17 about making it virtually free of nitrosamines if
they're
18 removed. Two things. The alkaloids and the
nitrosating
19 agent, i.e., the nitrates.
20 Q Can you show me that report, sir? Was
that
21 the document we marked at the prior deposition? I
think
22 it was Exhibit 16. Was this the document?
23 A That's the document.
24 Q Okay. Can you show me the page that

refers
25 to virtual elimination of nitrosamines in cigarette
II-408
1 smoke. Take a look at --
2 MR. SHUB: Wait a minute. Let him look
through it.
3 BY MR. BHATIA:
4 Q I think it's 2024843570.
5 Is that the page you're referring to?
6 A No.
7 Q Okay. What are you referring to?
8 A Page 2024843560.
9 Q What does the title say?
10 A "PM Research Results, Filler
(Endogenous)
11 TSNA."
12 Q Okay. Is that referring to
nitrosamines in
13 smoke or in the filler?
14 A It says, "Remove nitrate and TSNA..."
-- it
15 says, "Mainstream Smoke. Remove nitrate and TSNA
not
16 formed." And it talks about sources of nitrate
reductase,
17 microbial and tobacco.
18 Q Okay. But does this page refer to
filler
19 endogenous TSNA or TSNA in smoke?
20 A My understanding, it says "Transfers
into
21 mainstream smoke." We're talking about smoke here.
22 Q If you saw studies from Philip Morris
that
23 demonstrated that there was a reduction in
endogenous TSNA
24 but that reduction did not translate into reduction
in
25 smoke, would that change your opinion?
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1 A Well, yeah. I mean it could.
2 The problem is that what I see here,
like on
3 2024843570, it says, "Filler and smoke TSNA Levels"
and it
4 shows that it's, you know, decreased dramatically.
5 Q Is there some other document that
you're
6 relying on for your opinion other than Exhibit 16?
7 A My opinion with regard to the reaction
8 between amines and nitrosating agent?
9 Q No. No. I'm sorry. My question was
not
10 clear.
11 It's your opinion that if you remove
12 nitrates, you're going to virtually eliminate the
13 formation of nitrosamines in smoke; correct?
14 A The pyrosynthetic mechanism disappears.
15 Closely. Close.
16 Q So there will be a virtual elimination
in
17 smoke; correct? That's your opinion?

18 A Of those nitrosamines caused by
19 pyrosynthesis.
20 Q Right. And my question is are you
relying on
21 any documents for your opinion other than Exhibit
16?
22 A I'm trying to remember all the
documents in
23 the set that I gave you. I think there are more
documents
24 that discuss this same issue. I'm pretty sure there
are.
25 The project Poldi and Tasso. And so it's not just
this

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1 document. No, I'm not relying solely on this
document.
2 Q Poldi and Tasso are not studies of
mainstream
3 smoke, are they?
4 A The chemistry of nitrosamine formation
is
5 independent of whether it's mainstream smoke, car
exhaust,
6 or sidestream smoke.
7 Q So it's your testimony that nitrosamine
8 formation in sidestream smoke and mainstream smoke
involve
9 the same chemical reactions?
10 A The same mechanistic chemistry, yes.
11 Q So doing something to control
nitrosamines in
12 mainstream smoke would have the same effect as it
would in
13 sidestream smoke?
14 A No.
15 Q Okay. I'm just wondering what the
relevance
16 of Poldi and Tasso is to mainstream smoke
nitrosamine
17 reduction?
18 A In chemistry the end state of the
reaction
19 between two species is thermodynamically predicted,
20 determined. It's independent of the path by which
you get
21 there. There's another part of it which we talk
about as
22 kinetics, how fast it happens. So the
thermodynamics is
23 the same between sidestream and mainstream smoke,
but the
24 kinetics or the rate at which it changes it
different.
25 Q What are the tobacco-specific
nitrosamines?

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1 A What are they?
2 Q Yes. Give me their names.
3 A Nicotine --
4 MR. SHUB: Asked last time.
5 THE WITNESS: -- nitrosamine ketone, NNK.
6 BY MR. BHATIA:

7 Q Okay. That's one.
 8 A Nitrosonornicotine.
 9 Q Do we call that NNN?
 10 A NNN.
 11 And then I think it's nitrosoanatabine.
 And
 12 I forget what the other -- I'd have to look up the
 name --
 13 but the NAT.
 14 There are also other -- that's the
 primary
 15 alkaloids. There's also -- you could have cotinine.

 16 Q Is there something called NAB?
 17 A Yes.
 18 Q That's nitrosoanatabine.
 19 A Yes, I believe so.
 20 Q And there's something called NNA?
 21 A There's a bunch of them that aren't --
 22 Q And then there's something call NNAC?
 23 A Yes.
 24 Q Okay. What is the chemical precursor
 for
 25 NAB?

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 1 A NAB. That's the anatabine? No.
 That's NAT.
 2 I have that list of chemistry. I don't
 --
 3 haven't looked at it in a few weeks.
 4 Q It's your opinion that the precursor
 for NAB
 5 is nicotine, or is it one of the minor alkaloids?
 6 A I think it's one of the minor
 alkaloids, but
 7 I haven't looked it up recently, so I don't -- I
 don't do
 8 memory things very well. I explained that to you
 before.
 9 I'm used to having data in front of me when I make a
 10 conclusive opinion on something.
 11 Q Which of the tobacco-specific
 nitrosamines is
 12 present in the greatest concentration in smoke?
 13 A Depends on which studies you look at.
 14 These data, the ones I have in this
 15 particular document, seem to indicate that NAT and
 NNN are
 16 present to a larger extent in burley than NNK.
 17 Bright, it's the other way around. But
 if I
 18 add up the total nanograms per cigarette, I end up
 with
 19 that NNN and NAT is greater than NNK.
 20 Q Okay. Now, I think you testified that
 if you
 21 eliminated nitrosamines from cigarette smoke you
 would
 22 eliminate 50 to 80 percent of the biological
 activity in
 23 cigarettes. Do you remember that?
 24 A That was an estimate, yes.
 25 Q Okay. And what do you base that

testimony

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1 on?
2 A Discussions with Dr. Osdene and Mr.
Charles
3 and Dr. Pages. And when we were doing the
nitrosamine
4 program, I think we had discussions to that effect.

5 I think I mentioned we categorized the
6 disease-causing compounds in classes. The
nitrosamines
7 were at the top of the list followed by the
aldehydes
8 followed by the benzo(a)pyrene and the polynuclear
9 aromatic hydrocarbons.
10 MR. SHUB: Known as PAHs?
11 MR. BHATIA: Boy, you're testifying more and
more
12 these days, Jonathan.
13 THE WITNESS: Followed by things like
cadmium,
14 polonium 210.
15 BY MR. BHATIA:
16 Q Dr. Farone, try to stay with me. We're
going
17 to focus on TSNAs now, and I think the question was
on
18 what do you base your conclusion that elimination of
the
19 TSNAs would eliminate 50 to 80 percent of the
biological
20 activity in cigarette smoke.
21 And I believe your testimony is it's
based on
22 discussions that you had with Dr. Osdene, Dr. Pages,
and
23 Dr. Charles.
24 A Plus the knowledge of -- if you just go
out
25 and look at the toxicology of those materials, you
will

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1 fined that those are much stronger carcinogens.
That list
2 that I gave you isn't just their opinions. It kind
of is
3 a generic opinion of people who look at these
compounds
4 and describe risks. Like, you can go to OSHA
documents,
5 things of that sort, and you can get a risk of what
these
6 cancer-causing agents are.
7 Q Now, in your prior testimony on page 83
you
8 said, quote.
9 "...at least we have taken out one very
10 significant class which from the internal
11 documents appears to account for 50 to 80
12 percent of the biological activity or the
13 carcinogenicity disease-causing potential of
14 cigarettes."

15 What internal documents are you
referring to
16 in that answer?
17 A Okay. I think in the set that I gave
you --
18 now you're going to ask me to find it.
19 Q Yes, I will.
20 A I don't know that I can. But I have
seen a
21 document that they categorized, they gave rank by
tests
22 type scores, if you will, about how to make safer
23 cigarettes, and that's one of the things that I
recall.
24 And the other documents that I have seen
that I
25 don't have -- that I know I don't have copies of are
the

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1 results that Dr. Osdene showed me in his office
relevant
2 to the denitrosated sheets where we had the -- I
think I
3 mentioned to you before where he showed me results
that
4 purportedly came from INBIFO or wherever they came
from of
5 the amount of biological activity that we would
reduce
6 this by. So that's what I'm basing it on. I mean
we can
7 base it on many different things. But my
understanding of
8 all the Hoffmann work and the rest of it is that
pretty
9 much general agreement that the nitrosamines are the
10 biggest problem.

11 Q Have you seen a study by Dr. Hoffman
that
12 says if you eliminate the nitrosamines you eliminate
50 to
13 80 percent of the biological activity in cigarette
smoke?

14 A I'd have to go back and read his
documents
15 again.

16 Q Is that among the documents that you
provided
17 me? I didn't see it.

18 A I provided you some of his documents.
I
19 haven't reviewed them in the last month or six
weeks, so I
20 don't know whether or not it says that in there.

I'd have
21 to go back and read it to see if he said it.
22 He did make some estimates of the
reductions
23 that would be due to the nitrosamines. I recall
that.

24 Q Okay. The study you saw in Dr.
Osdene's
25 office, it was a test of biological activity;

correct?

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1 A Correct.
2 Q What test was it?
3 A It was a score off of a test. I don't
know
4 which exact test. I mean it's 1979. It was 18
years ago.
5 I do not recall exactly which test.
6 Q Was it mouse skin painting?
7 A I don't know.
8 Q Was it Aims assay testing?
9 A I think I just said I don't know.
10 Q You don't know one way or the other
what it
11 was?
12 A Correct.
13 MR. SHUB: Third time, Vineet.
14 BY MR. BHATIA:
15 Q You said you also had discussions with
16 Dr. Pages. Did Dr. Pages show you some tests?
17 A Well, Dr. Pages showed us lots of tests
18 because he normally gave the presentations on the
19 biological activity testing. I'm trying to recall
now
20 whether he gave any specific information on
nitrosamines.
21 I can't recall.
22 Q Okay. Now, you testified that there
were
23 three ways to reduce nitrosamine formation in
cigarette
24 smoke. You said supercritical fluid extraction;
adding
25 antioxidants to the filler; and blend modification.
Is

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1 that right?
2 A Those are three, yes.
3 Q And I guess there's a fourth which
would be
4 to remove all of the nitrates because that would
eliminate
5 the nitrosating element?
6 A And fifth to remove all of the
alkaloids if
7 you're talking only about the tobacco-specific
8 nitrosamines.
9 Q Fine.
10 Would you use supercritical fluid
extraction
11 to remove the minor alkaloids like anatabine and
12 anabasine?
13 A You could.
14 Q Is that -- are those minor alkaloids,
15 anatabine and anabasine, alkaloids that were removed
16 during Philip Morris's efforts to treat tobacco with
17 supercritical CO2?
18 A I don't know.
19 Q Okay. Tobacco that is treated with
20 supercritical CO2 reduced -- strike that.
21 In tobacco that was treated with

22 supercritical CO2, how much of a reduction of TSNA
did
23 one see?
24 A That's in this report in front of me.
25 Q Exhibit 16?

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CONFIDENTIAL - LINES 3 - 25

1 A 16, yes.
2 Q And how much is it, sir?
3 A Of course, it depends on the blend
4 constituent that one is using, but one of them says,
5 "Supercritical fluid extraction, virtually all

filler TSNA

6 removed."
7 Q What page is that?
8 A 2024843570.
9 Q Okay. Now, that says "Filler TSNA"?
10 A Says "Filler and smoke TSNA levels."
11 Q Where does it say that?
12 A Third line is Filler and MS,

mainstream,

13 smoke TSNA levels.
14 Q Right. But I think the result line --
I'm

15 not trying to quibble with you, just trying to
understand
16 the document. The "Result" line says, "Virtually
all

17 filler TSNA removed"?
18 A Correct.
19 Q And can you show me where you read that
20 virtually all mainstream smoke TSNA was removed?
21 A It doesn't say that.
22 Q Okay. So does Exhibit 16 -- and

specifically

23 the document that has Bates Number 2024843570 --
does it
24 speak to the reduction in TSNA in mainstream smoke
as a
25 result of supercritical CO2 extraction?

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CONFIDENTIAL - LINES 1 - 25

1 A Totally removing it in smoke is alone
the
2 result of CO2 extraction?
3 Q Yes.
4 A No, it doesn't. I mean it does. It
speaks
5 to a dramatic reduction. And then the document goes
on to
6 say if you remove the nitrates, you don't form it.
So if
7 I add to this the removal of nitrates, clearly these
8 numbers go down even lower.

9 Q If you saw studies from Philip Morris
that
10 demonstrated that supercritical CO2 extraction
removed
11 filler TSNA substantially but there was not a
substantial
12 reduction in smoke TSNA, would that change your
opinion?

13 A It would contradict this report.

14 Q Would it change your opinion?
15 A I'd have to see it to know whether it
changes
16 my opinion.
17 Hypothetically, I'd have to see whether
it
18 was burley, bright, or what they did, what the
nitrate
19 level was, because if you jack up the nitrate level,
then
20 you can make it back. There's a lot of factors that
go
21 into this.
22 Q So as a scientist, you're open-minded
enough
23 that if you saw data and studies from Philip Morris
that
24 showed as a result of supercritical fluid extraction
25 filler TSNA was reduced substantially but smoke TSNA
was

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CONFIDENTIAL - LINES 1 - 10

1 not reduced substantially, you'd be willing to
reconsider
2 your opinions on this subject?
3 A I would be willing to reconsider my
opinions
4 and the way to go about constructing the safer
cigarette.
5 Q In Exhibit 16 is there an assumption
that
6 nicotine is not a precursor to NNK formation in
mainstream
7 smoke?
8 A It's -- I think what it says, if I
recall,
9 was that it is not -- it's -- if you look at the
second
10 page, 2024843508, it talks about precursors.
11 Q Is that mainstream smoke?
12 A This is sidestream, the one I'm looking
at.
13 Q I'm focusing on mainstream smoke now.
14 A Yeah, I understand the question.
15 I was just showing that chemically
nicotine
16 can be a precursor for either NNK or NNN.
17 Q Well, there's clearly reports in the
18 literature by Hoffmann and others that say that
nicotine
19 is a precursor for nitrosamine formation in
mainstream
20 smoke; right?
21 A Yes.
22 Q I think you gave me one of those
documents;
23 right?
24 A I believe so.
25 Q What is your opinion about what Philip
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1 Morris's position is on whether nicotine is a
precursor
2 for NNK formation in mainstream smoke?

3 MR. SHUB: What is his opinion on what Philip
4 Morris's position is on that issue? Is that what
you want
5 to know?
6 MR. BHATIA: Yes.
7 MR. SHUB: His expert opinion on that?
8 MR. BHATIA: You can object.
9 MR. SHUB: I just want to make sure that was
10 actually the question you intended to ask.
11 MR. HURWITZ: Wasn't that the broad subject
of his
12 expert opinion in this case with Philip Morris and
--
13 MR. BHATIA: Well, you haven't objected yet.
It's
14 been two minutes, and all you've done is talk, not
15 object. You must like the question.
16 MR. SHUB: I do.
17 MR. BHATIA: Excellent.
18 THE WITNESS: Okay. I think that I'm -- I'm
not
19 answering about -- we're answering about chemistry
--
20 okay? -- and to the extent that I have Philip Morris
21 documents, I'm using Philip Morris documents. But I
also
22 have other companies' documents. I've seen other
23 companies' literature.
24 If I use this as an example of Philip
25 Morris's opinion, I don't know where to go. It says
here,

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CONFIDENTIAL - LINES 1 - 5

1 precursors, that nitrate level of tobacco is the
single
2 most important factor for smoke yields.
3 Unfortunately, it says that under
"Published
4 Literature on Nitrosamines (AHF)," so I don't know
whether
5 that's Philip Morris's opinion or not.
6 I really haven't been answering these
7 questions based on what Philip Morris's opinion is.
8 BY MR. BHATIA:
9 Q Okay. That was the first question
about
10 Philip Morris's opinion, sir. So I'm glad you
weren't
11 answering them based on that.
12 That means you were following
directions,
13 answering the question you were asked.
14 MR. SHUB: I'm going to object. It's very
vague
15 as to what you mean by "that."
16 BY MR. BHATIA:
17 Q Does this document, Exhibit 16, assume
that
18 nicotine is a precursor for NNK formation in
mainstream
19 smoke?
20 A Yes, it does.
21 Q Now, supercritical fluid extraction,

it's

22 your opinion that supercritical fluid extraction
reduced
23 substantially the TSNAs that were formed in
mainstream
24 smoke; right?

25 A Yes.

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1 Q Okay. Have you ever seen studies of
the
2 biological activity of the smoke condensate from
tobacco
3 that was treated with supercritical fluid
extraction?

4 A No, I have not.

5 Q Okay. I take it then those were not
among
6 the documents that the plaintiffs' counsel sent you
in

7 this case; correct?

8 A So far. That's correct.

9 Q And if the studies that Philip Morris
did on
10 the tobacco that was treated with supercritical
fluid
11 extraction demonstrated that the biological activity
of
12 the smoke condensate from the extracted filler was
no
13 different than the biological activity of regular
14 cigarette smoke, would that change your opinion in
any
15 way?

16 A The only way it would change my opinion
is to
17 say that if you're going to use -- if you're going
to do
18 these things in isolation, that you may have to do
them in
19 combination. In other words, supercritical -- if
the
20 studies show that if I take out all the nitrates and
I

21 added the organic acids and I removed the
supercritical
22 and it didn't have biological activity, then it
would
23 change my opinion.

24 My opinion is directed toward the
manner of
25 making a safer cigarette. I'm not really interested
in

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1 tests that are constructed to prove that one single
factor
2 doesn't cause that to happen. You have to do a
matrix to
3 show that you -- that it's not possible to do it.

4 Q I thought you testified that if you
took
5 TSNAs out, the TSNA reduction alone would remove 50
to 80
6 percent of the biological activity; right?

7 A That's my estimate based on what I know
right
8 now.
9 Q That was -- you said that was not just
your
10 estimate; that was your expert opinion. Correct?
11 A Correct.
12 Q And if you have a process like
supercritical
13 fluid extraction which removes the TNSAs from smoke,
yet
14 when you test the biological activity of that
condensate
15 from the extracted tobacco, you find there is no
16 difference in the biological activity, would that
change
17 your opinion?
18 A If it happened in all the biological
activity
19 testing, a wide battery of tests, it could.
20 Q And you haven't seen those studies
because
21 the plaintiffs' counsel has not sent them to you;
right?
22 MR. SHUB: I'm going to object because that
assumes
23 plaintiffs' counsel has the studies, and I don't
24 appreciate the implication.
25 MR. BHATIA: You can answer the question.
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1 THE WITNESS: I haven't seen any -- I have
not
2 seen studies of that -- of TSNA's extracted -- of
3 supercritical-fluid-extracted cigarettes which are
then
4 smoked and the condensate is put into biological
activity
5 studies.
6 BY MR. BHATIA:
7 Q Okay. The next way to reduce
nitrosamine
8 formation is to add antioxidants to filler; correct?
9 A Right.
10 Q And in your opinion what percentage of
11 nitrosamines are eliminated as a result of the
addition of
12 antioxidants to filler?
13 And, again -- I'm sorry -- I'm focusing
on
14 mainstream smoke.
15 A What percentage of the nitrosamines or
the
16 biological activity?
17 Q Nitrosamines, sir.
18 A Okay. I think as evidenced in this
document,
19 they give you a statement of -- give you an estimate
that
20 the mainstream TSNA is reduced 20 to 40 percent.
21 Q And I take it that it is your expert
opinion
22 that through the use of antioxidants you can reduce
TSNA

23 in mainstream smoke by 20 to 40 percent?
24 A I am not validating the exact
percentages in
25 here. It just indicates something which has been
talked

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1 about for many years, that, yes, you can reduce it.
And
2 the question is, in my mind, how much of a reduction
is
3 adequate to show a result. 20 to 40 percent, for
example,
4 may not be adequate to reduce human disease. But,
in
5 fact, there is going to be a reduction. This
document
6 says approximately 20 to 40 percent if you use some
of
7 them. Antioxidants, you might be able to get that
up to
8 50. Some may only give you 10. But it's a range.
And
9 all this does is show that that methodology is one
arrow,
10 if you will, in the quiver of making a safer
cigarette.

11 Q Well, what is your expert opinion on
how much
12 nitrosamines will be reduced if you add antioxidants
to
13 filler?

14 A My expert opinion is that if you add
15 antioxidants to filler, you will reduce
tobacco-specific
16 nitrosamines and probably some of the volatile
17 nitrosamines also.

18 I don't have data on percentages
because that
19 depends so much on the conditions that all of this
takes
20 place. It's not going to be the same, for example,
on a
21 Merit that it is in a Marlboro or any of those
cigarettes.
22 So you're asking for very specific results to a very
23 complicated series of conditions. In my opinion,
the

24 issue isn't how much but whether.
25 Q So you don't have an opinion on how
much;

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1 right?
2 A I've given the opinion based on this
3 document. And if other documents come to light, I
can
4 modify that opinion based on the scientific
information I
5 have at the time I'm asked to give an opinion.
That's
6 how.

7 Q I'm asking you to give an opinion. The
time
8 is now.

9 A The time is now. As of right now we
can
10 stick with the 20 to 40 percent because I have a
document
11 in front of me, but that does not mean that at the
time of
12 trial it's going to be 20 to 40 percent.
13 Q Well, presumably, if it changes, you'll
let
14 us know?
15 A Absolutely.
16 Q Thanks for your commitment.
17 How much antioxidant is needed to
reduce
18 nitrosamines by 20 to 40 percent?
19 A Some of that work goes back to the late
'70s
20 and there's patents even on doing that, and I do not
21 recall -- I think we're talking about tenths of a
percent
22 in filler, but I'm not clear exactly.
23 Q Do you have an expert opinion as you
sit here
24 today on how much antioxidant in filler is needed to
25 produce a reduction of 20 to 40 percent --

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1 A No, I do not.
2 Q Can I finish?
3 A Sure.
4 Q -- of the nitrosamines in smoke?
5 A No, I don't.
6 Q Well, how does the tobacco that's
treated
7 with antioxidants taste when smoked?
8 A Pretty good.
9 Q You smoked it?
10 A Yes.
11 Q When?
12 A Back in -- when I was at Philip Morris,
one
13 of the things -- I noticed that one of the
antioxidants
14 they're using is an ascorbic acid derivative, esters
of
15 Vitamin C. To the best of my recollection, that's
the
16 patent I mentioned a few minutes ago, that this was
17 described in the mid '70s and, in fact, we made up
some
18 cigarettes and tasted them.
19 Q Who made them up?
20 A They were handmade cigarettes. I don't
know
21 who -- we had a handmaking facility, and I don't
recall
22 whether Product Development was involved.
23 I think Cliff Lilly, Warren Claflin, a
group
24 of people that worked together on these things, had
them
25 made up, but I don't know who did it.

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1 Q Who was in charge at Philip Morris of
the
2 program to add antioxidants to filler while you were
3 there?
4 A I don't know.
5 Q Who was involved in it?
6 A I gave you two names. And it would be
7 Dr. Tom Osdene's area, and so he would know who was
8 involved. I don't know who was involved.
9 Q So the only people you can name is
Lilly
10 and -- what's the other man's name? I'm sorry.
11 A Claflin.
12 Q Can you spell that.
13 A C-l-a-f-l-i-n, Warren Claflin.
14 Q How many of these cigarettes did you
actually
15 smoke that contained the antioxidants?
16 A Vitamin C. One. Probably just one.
17 Q One.
18 Now, you don't inhale cigarettes
because you
19 have an aversion to inhaling; right?
20 A Correct.
21 Q So the way you smoke a cigarette is
kind of
22 different than the way everybody else smokes a
cigarette;
23 right?
24 A Are we talking about taste? I'm not
sure I
25 understand the question.

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1 Q Well, you don't inhale the cigarette;
right?
2 A Yeah. I don't have any taste buds in
my
3 lungs, so I don't think that's relevant.
4 Q Can you answer my question?
5 A Yes.
6 Go ahead.
7 Q Do you inhale cigarettes?
8 A No, I don't.
9 Q Okay. So the way in which you smoke
10 cigarettes is different than the way in which
everybody
11 else smokes cigarettes, or most people; right?
12 A Most people. Correct.
13 Q Okay. Have you seen any studies that
14 demonstrate that smokers find cigarettes that are
treated
15 with antioxidants to be subjectively acceptable?
16 A I believe I've seen such studies.
17 Q What study?
18 A I think there were panel tests of the
same
19 type. If I smoked cigarettes, that means they made
them
20 up. And they were normally given to the in-house
panel,
21 of which I was a member at some points of that, to
see

22 whether they were acceptable or not.
23 Before you would do anything of sending
24 something outside of the company, you would first
try them
25 among smokers within the company. And so there
might be

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1 six people or ten on the panel who would give it a
2 thumbs-up or thumbs-down for further testing.
3 Q What panel were you a member of?
4 A The flavor panels.
5 Q What was the name of the smoking panel
that
6 you were a member of?
7 A I don't recall.
8 Q I mean the smoking panels have names;
right?
9 A Not all the internal panels for
experimental
10 products had names.
11 Q How did you identify them then if you
didn't
12 have names?
13 A I don't know how it was identified.
14 I know that they kept track of who was
on
15 these different tests. They collected the data.
This was
16 preliminary to POL tests.
17 Q Is it your testimony that Philip Morris
had
18 smoking panels without names?
19 A No.
20 Q So the panels had names; right?
21 A Quite possibly.
22 Q I mean they needed to have names so you
could
23 identify them; right?
24 A Yes. I think they did have names. I
don't
25 know what the names were.

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1 Q Okay. From 1976 to 1984 which panels
were
2 you a member of?
3 A I don't recall specifically.
4 Q For which years were you a member of a
5 smoking panel?
6 A Probably from '78 to '84. And the
directors
7 were not official members of every panel. We would
8 participate in selected studies.
9 Q Did you get a vote?
10 A Yes.
11 Q So you were an unofficial member of a
number
12 of panels? Is that your testimony?
13 A Correct.
14 Q And you were an official member of at
least
15 one panel?
16 A Yes.
17 Q And you remember the names of none of

these
18 panels?
19 A That's correct.
20 MR. SHUB: Vineet, do you thing it's a good
time
21 to break for lunch?
22 MR. BHATIA: No. I'm ready to keep going.
23 MR. BHATIA: Well, I didn't say whether you
were
24 ready to keep going.
25 MR. BHATIA: Well, no, I'm not ready to stop.

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1 MR. SHUB: Well, what time do you have?
2 MR. BHATIA: 1:00.
3 MR. SHUB: I think we're going to break for
lunch
4 in the next couple minutes.
5 MR. BHATIA: Whatever you dictate.
6 BY MR. BHATIA:
7 Q Are any of the antioxidants that are
added to
8 cigarette filler biologically active?
9 A Yes.
10 Q Which ones?
11 A Vitamin C.
12 Q Any others?
13 A I don't have the entire list in front
of me.
14 Q Can you think of any others other than
15 Vitamin C?
16 A I'm trying to remember what's on the
list,
17 but presumably most antioxidants are biologically
active.
18 That sort of goes hand in glove.
19 Q Have you seen any biological activity
testing
20 of cigarettes that have antioxidants added to filler
21 versus cigarettes that don't have antioxidants added
to
22 the filler?
23 A I believe I have.
24 Q What tests?
25 A This goes back to when I was at Philip

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1 Morris, and I believe those are in the project 2500
2 biological activity of smoke reports. And I don't
have
3 those reports for this action now, but I do recall
seeing
4 studies on that.
5 Q So this is yet other instance in which
you
6 have seen biological activity testing at Philip
Morris;
7 right?
8 A Yeah. You're asking me whether I ever
saw
9 any, and while I was there I saw some.
10 Q What tests were run?
11 A I don't recall.

12 Q What were the results?
13 A The antioxidants showed promise toward
14 reducing biological activity. That was the premise
of the
15 patent, I believe. There was a couple patents in
the
16 '70s.

17 Q Who obtained the patents?
18 A I have to go back and look at the list
of --
19 I have a list of those patents. I think I gave you
a list
20 of several pages of patent references.

21 Q Get them out.
22 A I don't have them with me.
23 Q I gave you the documents.
24 MR. DUNSETH: I've got them over here.
25 MR. BHATIA: Give them back to him.

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1 THE WITNESS: Do you have the TRCC reference
book?

2 MR. BHATIA: I don't know what that is.
3 THE WITNESS: It's the book published by

Philip
4 Morris that covers all of the reports given at the
Tobacco
5 Research Chemists Conference from the '50s on out.

6 MR. BHATIA: I don't have it.
7 THE WITNESS: Did I --
8 MR. BHATIA: Do you have that book?
9 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I think I do.
10 MR. BHATIA: It may be one of the things we
11 copied. I'm not sure. I don't think so.
12 BY MR. BHATIA:

13 Q But before I forget, when you say the
tests
14 showed promise, can you be a little more specific on
that?

15 A Usually that refers -- I mean it does
refer
16 to a lowered biological activity score in one or
more
17 tests presuming that it isn't contradicted totally
by a

18 second test. We talked --
19 Q Lowered by any amount?
20 A By a significant amount in the test,
which
21 means statistically significant.
22 Q How much?
23 A Well, statistical significance doesn't
depend
24 on by how much. It depends on the average in the
standard
25 deviation of two numbers. If they are sufficiently
far

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1 apart, they are statistically significant even if
one is 1

2 and the other is 1.01.

3 Q Oh, I understand statistical
significance.

4 I'm asking if you have a reduction of

.00001
5 percent in biological activity and that reduction
was
6 statistically significant, would that, in your mind,
7 demonstrate promise?
8 A It could if that was significant in
that
9 test, yes.
10 Q So a reduction of 1 to the minus 6, in
your
11 opinion, shows promise?
12 A It could if it's statistically
significant.
13 Q Assuming it's statistically significant
--
14 A Yes, it could.
15 Q -- any reduction in biological activity
of 1
16 to the minus 6 percent shows promise in your
definition?
17 A As long as it's statistically
significant,
18 yes.
19 MR. BHATIA: Okay. Just so we're clear.
20 You can find the documents now on the
21 antioxidant patents.
22 MR. SHUB: I think this is a good time to
take a
23 break.
24 MR. BHATIA: Let's finish while the question
is
25 pending.
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1 MR. SHUB: Well, Why don't you give him lunch
to
2 look for them, and then we can ask the question when
we
3 resume.
4 MR. BHATIA: Okay. How long do you want to
break
5 for?
6 MR. SHUB: What time do you have now?
7 MR. BHATIA: Five after 1:00.
8 MR. SHUB: Why don't we shoot to get back
here at
9 1:50. Forty-five minutes.
10 MR. BHATIA: That's very reasonable.
11 MR. SHUB: Okay.
12 (Lunch Recess from 1:05 p.m. until 2:05 pm.)
13 MR. BHATIA: Back on the record at 2:05.
14 MR. SHUB: Wonderful.
15 MR. BHATIA: We are waiting for Dr. Farone to
find
16 the citation to the patent on the addition of
antioxidants
17 to filler.
18 THE WITNESS: The patent or papers to that
effect?
19 MR. BHATIA: Either one, sir.
20 BY MR. BHATIA:
21 Q Dr. Farone, have you actually read
these
22 papers, or have you only seen -- I can see from here

that

23 you're looking at a list of citations.

24 A Correct.

25 Q What I'm really interested in, sir, is
who

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1 are the people at Philip Morris while you were there
who

2 were most knowledgeable about the addition of
antioxidants

3 to filler?

4 A Well, if that's a different -- I
thought what

5 I was doing was finding references. Normally the
reason I

6 don't have direct access to all of these -- I think
I've

7 mentioned this before -- that if there's like three
or

8 four references on a subject, I don't do cites, but
--

9 Q I know your citation rule. But if you
tell

10 me the names, people, that's all I really want. The

11 reason why we asked you to find the patents was so
you

12 could tell us --

13 A Okay.

14 Q -- who the people were.

15 A Sure.

16 Well, it's not Philip Morris people
that are

17 on these patents.

18 Q Somebody else's patents?

19 A Yeah. They're outside the industry.

Like

20 JTS, Japan Tobacco. That paper's in the literature.

21 The many people at Philip Morris who would
be

22 most knowledgeable at the time I was there were

23 Dr. Charles, Dr. Pages, Dr. Osdene, and then, as I

24 mentioned, the people who actually made up the
cigarettes

25 that contain the antioxidants. But the actual

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1 determination of whether that was better or not was
in

2 Dr. Osdene's group.

3 Q Okay. And was there anything about the

4 patent the company outside of Philip Morris held
that

5 prevented Philip Morris from utilizing any of the
6 antioxidant treatment?

7 A Not that I'm aware. I was only using
that as

8 a means of saying that the use of antioxidants has
been

9 advocated for several decades, at least, and has
been

10 studied by different companies at different times
and to

11 the extent of even patents being applied for.

12 Q Do any of the ingredients that are
added to
13 cigarettes made in the United States meet the
criteria of
14 being antioxidants?
15 A They could.
16 Q So it's possible that right now
antioxidants
17 are being added to tobacco that is being used to
make
18 cigarettes?
19 A Generically, yes.
20 Q The final way you mentioned to reduce
21 nitrosamines is through blend modification; correct?
22 A Correct.
23 Q And even with blend modification,
there's
24 still some TSNAs in mainstream smoke?
25 A Yes.

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1 Q What is your expert opinion on the
maximum
2 percentage to which tobacco-specific nitrosamines in
smoke
3 can be reduced through blend modification?
4 A Through blend modification using only
5 existing cultivars of the tobacco, what's available
now?
6 Q Right, yes, what's available now, sir.
7 A Probably you could remove 80 percent.
8 Q Just through blend modification?
9 A Yes.
10 Q On what do you base that opinion?
11 A I base that opinion on thinking through
all
12 of the materials that are available under current
modes of
13 treatment as opposed to ones that I've hypothesized
that
14 could have both nitrates and alkaloids reduced to
the
15 level where you would get very small amounts of
16 nitrosamines.
17 For example, if you used an all-bright
18 cigarette which has been -- they have been sold
19 commercially.
20 Q I'm sorry? What's wrong with the
all-bright
21 cigarette?
22 A Nothing. I said it has been sold
23 commercially.
24 Q Okay. Isn't it correct that bright
tobaccos
25 when burned produce higher levels of aldehydes and
PAHs

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1 than a cigarette that's blended with burley and
bright?
2 A PAHs, I agree.
3 Aldehydes, you also have to look at the
sugar
4 and how much they have added and things of that

sort. But
5 there is a correlation between the reduction in
nitrates
6 and the increase in PAHs.
7 Q And it's also the case that the
all-bright
8 cigarettes have higher levels of aldehydes than a
blended
9 cigarette, and that's a trade-off that might need to
be
10 made, meaning you might need to trade off lower
levels of
11 aldehydes with higher levels of nitrosamines in
making a
12 cigarette that's blended as opposed to all bright?
13 A That's not necessarily my opinion in
the
14 absence of information on how much sugar is added
onto
15 those cigarettes because you can obtain bright with
very
16 low levels of sugar. And to the extent you do not
add
17 sugars or casings to the cigarette, I think there
are data
18 which show that the aldehydes will be lower.
19 Q Okay. Dr. Farone, have you seen any
20 biological activity testing of the cigarettes that
contain
21 the modified blend that will produce the maximum
reduction
22 in TSNA in smoke?
23 A No.
24 Q Dr. Farone, is it your expert opinion
that a
25 tobacco plant can be genetically engineered to
eliminate

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1 endogenous nitrosamines?
2 A Can't eliminate totally nitrosamines.
Reduce
3 them to a level where in combination with some of
the
4 other techniques they would no longer be the single
5 largest cause of problem in disease-causation with
6 smoking.
7 Q Focusing just on the genetic
engineering
8 issue, how would you genetically engineer tobacco to
9 eliminate tobacco-specific nitrosamines such as NAB
and
10 NAT?
11 A If the tobacco produced no alkaloids at
all,
12 obviously, it won't produce the tobacco-specific
13 nitrosamines.
14 Q But that doesn't quite answer my
question.
15 The question is how would you genetically
16 engineer it, sir?
17 A There's several ways I think I
mentioned last
18 time. One way is you simply select -- if I use

colchicine

19 or some other thing which causes mutations in tissue
20 culture of tobacco, then I can have thousands of
different
21 individuals. I can then select those individuals
for the
22 inability to produce any alkaloid. I can grow those
up. I
23 can use those in a breeding program to see which of
those
24 cultivars result in offsprings which carry that
genetic
25 trait forward. And I would have a very low or
no-alkaloid

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1 tobacco.
2 The other way, you can simply remove
the gene
3 for the production of nicotine.
4 Q Well, focusing on removing -- well,
you're
5 talking about nicotine?
6 A Oh, alkaloids.
7 Q Okay. Alkaloids.
8 Can you tell me what the synthetic
pathway is
9 for anatabine?
10 A Not offhand without references.
11 Q Have you seen reference in the
literature
12 that the synthetic pathways for the minor alkaloids
have
13 not been well established?
14 A Well, I'm sure that if we take a
reference
15 that's old enough, that's probably the case, yes.
16 Q Well, I mean isn't it the case that
there are
17 more recent references that discuss the problems
with
18 identifying the synthetic pathway for the minor
alkaloids
19 such as nornicotine, anatabine and anabasine?
20 A There are references that discuss that,
yes.
21 Q Okay. And if you're unable to identify
the
22 synthetic pathway for anatabine, anabasine and
23 nornicotine, isn't it the case you will have great
24 difficulty genetically engineering a tobacco plant
to
25 eliminate the production of those minor alkaloids?

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1 A I wouldn't, but I wouldn't go about it
2 exactly that way.
3 I think we just discussed if you use
the
4 shotgun approach of causing thousands of mutations,
your
5 probability that you end up with some offspring that
have
6 that characteristic -- it's called forced mutation
-- as

7 opposed to knowing the pathway, picking out the
gene,
8 cutting the piece of the gene, and splicing it back
9 together again.
10 Q Has anyone, to your knowledge, taken
that
11 approach for any of the minor alkaloids such as
12 nornicotine, anatabine or anabasine?
13 A Well, that was the intent of one of the
14 research programs while I was there.
15 Q What program, sir?
16 A The one with Crop Genetics
International.
17 Q Who was working on that?
18 A Well, I was sort of the interface
between
19 Crop Genetics International and Philip Morris.
20 Peter Carlson, Dr. Peter Carlson, at
Crop
21 Genetics was the main researcher, and we were going
to
22 analyze all of the cultivars that they produced to
look
23 exactly for these types of genetic traits.
24 Q And just so we are clear, the types of
25 genetic traits we're talking about is reducing
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1 nornicotine, anatabine and anabasine production of
the
2 tobacco plant; correct?
3 A Among others. That wasn't the only
purpose.
4 To look for the lowest alkaloid tobacco, to look for
5 tobaccos which didn't depot polonium 210, which
didn't
6 uptake cadmium.
7 There was a series of things that you
could
8 screen for, any one of which or all of which would
have
9 been beneficial toward developing a more desirable
tobacco
10 material.
11 Q Who at Philip Morris worked on that
project
12 with you?
13 A The project was under the purview of
the
14 biochemical -- of the Biomaterial Science Division
--
15 pardon me -- that reported to me, and at that time
16 Dr. Jerry Whidby was the manager of that division.
17 Q So it would be Jerry Whidby?
18 A He was the manager. I'm not sure he
was
19 actually leading the project. It's been a while.
But
20 Jerry Whidby would be the person who was most
21 knowledgeable.
22 Q Okay. Have you seen any POL testing of
23 cigarettes made with low-alkaloid tobaccos?
24 A Yes. They're discussed in some of the

25 Caroline Levy and those kind of reports.

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1 Q What did those POL studies show?

2 A Most of them showed that without some
sort of
3 alkaloid you don't get total satisfaction, but there
were
4 some interesting ones that showed that you might be
able
5 to use those as a base, for example, for adding back
in a
6 nicotine analogue.

7 Q So for the tobacco -- for the
low-alkaloid
8 tobacco to satisfy existing smokers, one would need
to add
9 some kind of nicotine or synthetic nicotine; is that
10 right?

11 A Correct. The idea would be to add it
in such
12 a way that you don't get the formation -- if you had
no
13 nitrates, for example, and you added a nicotine salt
that
14 vaporized without undergoing pyrosynthesis, there's
no nox
15 present, then, in fact, the idea was that you would
adjust
16 the nicotine and not the tobacco-specific
nitrosamines.

17 Q Which nicotine salts will vaporize
without
18 pyrosynthesis?

19 A None of them will vaporize totally
without
20 pyrosynthesis. We're talking about relative amounts
like
21 the citrate, maleate, levulinate, the organic acid
salts.
22 They had different rates of not pyrosynthesizing,
and I
23 don't remember them, but they were pretty high where
you
24 didn't get the pyrosynthesis.

25 Q What are you comparing? You're
comparing

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1 nicotine organic salts to what?

2 A To nicotine that's in the tobacco
naturally.

3 Q In what form is nicotine in the tobacco
4 naturally?

5 A Well, that depends on a lot of things.
But
6 let's assume that it's primarily protonated in the
tobacco
7 and it's bound so that it's -- as you -- it takes a
little
8 more energy to either vaporize it -- whether it
condenses
9 in the tar or whether it stays in the gas phase,
that's
10 another issue -- but it takes energy to remove it

from the
11 substrate, and the idea is to lower the amount of
energy
12 it takes so it's not in the regime where either
combustion
13 or pyrolysis changes it into something else.
14 Q Is it in a -- is nicotine in its
natural
15 state in tobacco in a salt form?
16 A Doesn't have to be. Some of it is.
Some is
17 in salts and some is free.
18 Q What percentage is in salts in burley
and
19 what percentage is free in burley?
20 A I don't have those references with me.
21 Q When nicotine is in a salt form in
burley
22 tobacco, what is the cation?
23 A Are you saying the nicotine is charged?
24 Q No. I'm asking you when nicotine is in
its
25 natural state in tobacco, what is the cation?
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1 A I'm confused. When it's in its natural
2 state, it's protonated, so it has an anion
associated with
3 it, not a cation.
4 Q I understand, but there has to be a
cation
5 for there to be an anion, doesn't there? What is
the
6 anion?
7 A Well, could be the chloride. It could
be
8 sulfate. It could be the nitrate. The protonated
9 nicotine is the cation. That is the positive ion.
10 Q That's what I was saying.
11 A Well, that's not what I understood.
12 I understood you to ask me the question
if I
13 have it in its natural state, what is the
accompanying
14 cation.
15 Q No. I was asking first to define which
one
16 was the cation, and then we'll ask you which is the
anion.
17 We were going to ask both. We can just ask the ion
if
18 you'd rather.
19 So it's your testimony that nicotine in
its
20 natural state is either in a nicotine nitrate,
nicotine
21 chloride or -- what was the third one you mentioned?
22 A That's not my testimony, but nicotine
23 sulfate.
24 Q Nicotine sulfate.
25 Well, what is your testimony then?
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1 A My testimony is that it's very complex.
You

2 have as many anions that it can be in as you have
negative
3 charges on the entire molecular structure of the
tobacco
4 leaf.
5 Q Is some of the nicotine that is
naturally in
6 tobacco bound to inorganic acids?
7 A Yes.
8 Q So some of the nicotine actually in
tobacco
9 would be in a form of nicotine maleate, for example.
10 A Pardon me? You're confused. Maleate is
an
11 organic acid. So the chloride, sulfate and nitrate
--
12 Q Are inorganic acids?
13 A -- are inorganic. So there's some of
each.
14 Q So there's some organic acid salts, and
15 there's some inorganic acid salts?
16 A Correct.
17 Q And you don't recall what percentage of
the
18 nicotine is in a free form; right?
19 A I don't recall because -- I mean it's a
20 calculation one can do if you know the moisture
level, the
21 pH and a bunch of other things, but it's not a
specific
22 number. It differs for every piece of tobacco. We
can
23 talk about ranges.
24 Q Okay.
25 A And for normal tobacco it's very tiny
in

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1 free base.
2 Q What do you mean by "very tiny"?
3 A I'm not talking about what comes off in
the
4 smoke.
5 Q I understand. We're talking about the
6 tobacco.
7 A What's in the tobacco. Could be on the
order
8 of -- I'd have to look at the equilibrium constants,
but
9 if we are talking about a pH down around 4 or 5 in
the
10 biological material, it could be 10 to the minus 4.
11 Q So substantially less than 1 percent
would be
12 in a free form in its natural state in tobacco?
13 A Yes.
14 Q Just so we're clear, because I don't
think I
15 gave a clear question there, in tobacco there is
very
16 little nicotine in its free form; correct?
17 A Yes, naturally occurring varieties that
we
18 know of, yes.

19 Q Right. And when we say "very little,"
you
20 said 10 to the minus 4. That's like one thousandth
of a
21 percent?

22 A No. 10 to the minus 4 -- 10 to the
minus 2
23 is one percent. 10 to the minus 3 is a tenth of a
24 percent. So it's a hundredth of a percent.

25 Q So it would be a hundredth of a
percent?

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1 A Right.

2 Q It's pretty small.

3 MR. SHUB: I'm going to object to the
4 characterization. It's all relative.

5 BY MR. BHATIA:

6 Q Now, have you seen any studies in the
7 published literature that show that nicotine is not
a
8 precursor for NNK formation?

9 A Studies in the published literature
that show
10 under any conditions not, no.

11 MR. BHATIA: I'd like to show you the next
exhibit,

12 21. We'll mark it.

13 (The document referred to above was
14 marked Defendant's Exhibit No. 21 for
15 identification by the Certified Shorthand
16 Reporter and is attached hereto.)

17 MR. SHUB: Did you think you were going to --
18 Off the record.

19 (Whereupon a discussion was held
20 off the record.)

21 BY MR. BHATIA:

22 Q Can you look at this? Is this a study
you've
23 seen before?

24 A May have. Doesn't ring a bell.

25 Q Okay. And just so -- I marked it for
the

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1 record. Exhibit 21 is an article on
tobacco-specific

2 nitrosamines that appeared in the European Journal
of
3 Cancer Prevention.

4 Take a look at page 36, if you would,
bottom
5 of the page.

6 A Okay.

7 Q Do you see the paragraph beginning
"Hoffman
8 et al."?

9 A Yes, I do.

10 Q Can you read that paragraph?

11 MR. SHUB: To himself?

12 MR. BHATIA: Yes, sir.

13 THE WITNESS: Okay. I've read it.

14 BY MR. BHATIA:

15 Q Okay. The sentence, "According to our
16 results, pyrosynthesis of NNN from nicotine does not

occur
17 and pyrosynthesis of NNK is very unlikely," is that
18 something you agree with or disagree with?
19 A I disagree -- I can't form an opinion
without
20 seeing -- they reference Fisher, et al., 1991. I'd
have
21 to see what that's all about. They're not saying as
I
22 read this that it doesn't happen. They're just
saying
23 that it's unlikely in the tests that they have run.
24 Q Actually, they say it's very unlikely
in the
25 tests that they've run.

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1 A Right. And I haven't had an
opportunity to
2 determine what the test is and what they're doing.
3 Q Now, --
4 MR. SHUB: Excuse me. Do you have the
document he
5 referenced?
6 BY MR. BHATIA:
7 Q Now, on page 38, if you look at the
cite to
8 Fisher, the 1919 Fisher study, do you see that?
9 A Yes.
10 Q I take it that's not a study you've
read?
11 A I don't remember all of the documents
I've
12 read, unfortunately.
13 Q So it's not a document that you recall?
14 A Not a document I recall as we sit here.
15 Q Okay. Dr. Farone, I'm a little
curious. I
16 showed you this study, Exhibit 21; right?
17 A Yes.
18 Q And you weren't willing to draw any
19 conclusion from it; correct?
20 A No, I didn't say that. I didn't say
that I
21 was not willing to draw a conclusion from it. But
when
22 you have something which refers to something else,
as that
23 clearly does, you like to see how the test was
performed.
24 I mean if you're asking me to accept another
expert's
25 opinion in lieu of my own, I'm not going to do that.

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1 Q Well, I'm just -- I mean your view on
that, I
2 guess, is a sound scientific principal; right?
3 A My view is that you have to base it on
the
4 information you have.
5 With regard to Philip Morris documents,
I
6 have what I have, because unless someone's going to
let me

7 go back to the Philip Morris library, I don't know
whether
8 there is more or less than what's there.
9 With regard to this documents that you
gave
10 me, the document that you gave me here, it's very
clear
11 that there's more information that's available, so
why
12 should I give you an opinion which I might be
inaccurate
13 about without seeing the total relevant documents
that are
14 available.

15 Q Well, you were willing to give me an
opinion
16 today, sir -- and I think we marked it as an
exhibit,
17 Exhibit 18 -- you were willing to give me an opinion
that
18 you could develop a hypothetical safe cigarette
simply on
19 a news article by Dr. DeNoble.

20 A No, that's not true.

21 Q Well, that is true, isn't it? Isn't
that
22 what you testified to?

23 A No.

24 Q Well, Dr. DeNoble has some data that
you
25 haven't looked at; right?

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1 A My conclusion is based on the
hypothesis
2 which stands until it's refuted that it is possible
to

3 make a nicotine analogue which does not cause
4 cardiovascular problems. That's the hypothesis.

5 Now, if you have a refutation for that
6 hypothesis, I'll change my opinion.

7 Q I'm just trying to wonder why you're so
8 willing to accept a statement in a news article when
you

9 know there's clearly underlying data; but when I
show you
10 a scientific study that's appeared in a peer review
11 journal, you're not willing to draw any conclusion
from
12 it.

13 A I didn't say I wasn't willing to draw
any
14 conclusion. You asked me very specifically does
this
15 document change an opinion that I may have that NNK
is
16 formed by the action of nicotine and oxides of
nitrogen,
17 and I'm saying that the data in this document, since
it

18 refers to more, is inadequate to make an evaluation
of the
19 statement that they make.

20 Q Right. But you're willing to draw a

21 conclusion from Dr. DeNoble's statement even though
22 clearly there's other data; right?
23 A But my hypothesis wasn't based solely
on
24 Dr. DeNoble's data. My hypothesis is based on the
25 premises that you can make a nicotine analogue which
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1 doesn't have the cardiovascular consequences.
2 MR. BHATIA: Okay. This is an article that
you
3 provided me. We're going to mark it as Exhibit 22.
It's
4 by Klaus Brunnemann and Dietrich Hoffmann and
others.
5 It's entitled "Formation and Analysis of
Tobacco-Specific
6 N-Nitrosamines."
7 Let's mark that.
8 (The document referred to above was
9 marked Defendant's Exhibit No. 22 for
10 identification by the Certified Shorthand
11 Reporter and is attached hereto.)
12 BY MR. BHATIA:
13 Q Dr. Uydess -- sorry.
14 Dr. Farone, this is one of the
documents that
15 you produced?
16 MR. HURWITZ: One and the same.
17 THE WITNESS: Yes.
18 MR. SHUB: What do you mean, it's one and the
19 same?
20 MR. BHATIA: Will you to stop interrupting
the
21 deposition.
22 MR. SHUB: I'm just asking counselor for
23 clarification of a comment he made.
24 MR. BHATIA: Save it for the jury, as you
like to
25 say.
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1 BY MR. BHATIA:
2 Q This is one of the documents that you
relied
3 on for your opinions; right?
4 A Correct.
5 Q Take a look at Table 8, page 131.
6 According to Dr. Hoffman, a cigarette
that
7 yields 17 milligrams of tar and 1.1 milligrams of
nicotine
8 under the FTC method will have a total TSNA of 344;
right?
9 MR. SHUB: Why don't you show him where
you're
10 looking, Counselor. It might help things out.
11 You took him to the page but, you know,
12 there's a lot of numbers here.
13 MR. HURWITZ: He's the expert, isn't he?
14 MR. SHUB: I don't know if he's able to
follow a
15 certain particular graph that he's looking at.
16 MR. BHATIA: I mean he seems to follow most
17 things. You don't have to hobble your own witness

with
18 your inability to find it.
19 THE WITNESS: Second line under B? Excuse
me.
20 MR. BHATIA: Yes.
21 THE WITNESS: Okay.
22 BY MR. BHATIA:
23 Q You see that?
24 A Yeah, I see that.
25 Q And look at under E, the cigarette that
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1 yields 1 milligram of tar, .1 milligram of nicotine.
2 A Yes, I see that.
3 Q See that?
4 Under the FTC method, it appears
there's a
5 substantial reduction in TSNAs in cigarettes that
yield 17
6 milligrams of tar versus 1 milligram of tar; right?
7 A No. I don't see the relevance of this
to my
8 opinion, but go ahead.
9 Q Well, can you answer my question yes or
no?
10 Under the FTC method do cigarettes that
yield
11 one milligram of tar yield substantially less
nitrosamines
12 than cigarettes that yield 17 milligrams of tar?
13 MR. SHUB: I'm going to object because you're
14 asking for his opinion or are you asking him to
confirm
15 that that's what it says on that piece of paper?
16 MR. BHATIA: I'm asking for his opinion.
17 THE WITNESS: These --
18 BY MR. BHATIA:
19 Q Under the FTC method -- yes or no -- do
you
20 agree or disagree with what's here?
21 A Well, what's here is here.
22 MR. SHUB: How would he know?
23 THE WITNESS: I'm not disagreeing.
24 MR. BHATIA: Object if you want to.
25 MR. SHUB: I'm going to object.
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1 MR. BHATIA: Fine.
2 THE WITNESS: Okay. I see where it says FTC
tar
3 17, nic 1.1, which I presume means 17 milligrams of
tar
4 and 1.1 milligram of nicotine.
5 BY MR. BHATIA:
6 Q Well, this is a document you relied on;
7 right? I mean you relied on this study?
8 A Are you interested in why I relied on
it?
9 Q I'm asking you a question. Did you
rely on
10 this document?
11 A Yes, I did.
12 Q Now, a cigarette that yields 17
milligrams of
13 tar under the FTC method, according to Dr. Hoffman,

will
14 have TSNA's of 344, total TSNA's.
15 Do you disagree with that statement in
his
16 study?
17 A Only in mainstream smoke.
18 Q So you agree with it in mainstream
smoke?
19 A As delivered under the FTC method.
20 Q Okay. And do you also agree with the
21 statement in Dr. Hoffman's article that cigarettes
under
22 the FTC that yield 1 milligram of tar have TSNA's of
34 in
23 mainstream smoke?
24 A Under the FTC method by his tests, yes.
25 Q I think that was my question, wasn't
it?

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1 A I'm not sure. I'm just making sure --
2 Q Do you need the question back?
3 A I'm just making sure that --
4 Q Do you need it back?
5 A Sure.
6 MR. BHATIA: Let's read it back.
7 (Whereupon the question was read by
8 the reporter as follows:
9 "QUESTION: Okay. And do you also agree
10 with the statement in Dr. Hoffman's article
11 that cigarettes under the FTC that yield 1
12 milligram of tar have TSNA's of 34 in
13 mainstream smoke?")
14 THE WITNESS: Dr. Hoffman -- was that started
off
15 with in Dr. Hoffman's study?
16 MR. BHATIA: Yes.
17 THE WITNESS: Yes, I agree.
18 BY MR. BHATIA:
19 Q Okay. And the difference between 344
and 34
20 is about a 90 percent reduction?
21 A Yes.
22 Q Okay. Now, have you ever seen a list
of
23 ingredients that the cigarette companies provided to
the
24 Department of Health and Human Services in 1986 that
25 listed the ingredients that were in tobacco, added
to

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1 tobacco?
2 MR. SHUB: Not all the ingredients but --
object to
3 that question as --
4 MR. BHATIA: Stop testifying.
5 MR. SHUB: I'm going to object as misleading.
6 MR. BHATIA: Fine.
7 THE WITNESS: Yes, I have.
8 BY MR. BHATIA:
9 Q You've seen the 1986 list?
10 A I believe so.
11 Q When did you see it?

12 A Probably -- in 1994 probably.
13 Q Okay. Is it among the documents you
provided
14 me?
15 A No. I don't have it. I looked for it.
I
16 don't have the '86 list.
17 Q How did you get it?
18 A I don't know how I got it.
19 Q Well, if it was provided to the
Department of
20 Health and Human Services originally in a
confidential
21 form and it was not released to the public until
1994 --
22 were you aware of that?
23 A Well, that's when I got it, in 1994.
24 Q But in '94 what was released to the
public
25 was not the list of ingredients as it existed in
1986 now,

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1 was it?
2 A I don't know that. You asked me out of
my
3 best recollection whether I'd seen the list, and
that's
4 my --
5 Q I asked have you seen the 1986 list?
You
6 want to rethink about your answer?
7 A To my best knowledge, the list I saw in
1984
8 was --
9 MR. SHUB: 1994.
10 THE WITNESS: -- 1994 was the list of
compounds
11 that was provided in 1986.
12 BY MR. BHATIA:
13 Q Okay. Are you aware that Philip Morris
and
14 the other tobacco companies provided a list to the
15 Department of Health and Human Services every year
from
16 1986 forward?
17 A No, I'm not.
18 Q Okay. You weren't aware of that?
19 A Not every year, no.
20 Q Okay. If you were aware of that, if
that
21 were indeed the case, would that change your opinion
that
22 you in fact saw the 1986 list?
23 A I'm sorry, Counsel. I'm having a hard
time
24 following the question.
25 If I was aware of the fact that they
provided

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1 it every year, would I be -- would that change my
opinion
2 on whether I saw one of them specifically?
3 Q No. No.

4 A The 1986 list?
5 Q If you learned that the cigarette
companies
6 were providing lists every year from 1986 forward --
7 Okay? You with me so far?
8 A I'm with you.
9 Q -- would that change your opinion on
whether
10 the list you saw in 1994 was in fact a list of the
11 ingredients in tobacco in 1986?
12 A It could if I had the total chronology
of the
13 lists that were given. I'm trying my best to give
you
14 every piece of information I have, and I understand
that
15 sometimes that's confusing, but I am trying my best.
16 So I saw a list in '94. I presumed it
was
17 the '86 list because that's when they first were
made
18 public. If they put one out every year, it could
very
19 well be that the 1994 list was '87 or '89.
20 Q So just so the jury's clear, it's been
your
21 operating assumption that the list you saw in 1984
was a
22 list of the ingredients in cigarettes in 1986;
correct?
23 A No, I didn't know there was more than
one
24 list.
25 Q I understand. Before today, before you
got

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1 this revelation, it was your operating assumption
that the
2 list of ingredients that you saw in 1994 was in fact
a
3 list of cigarette ingredients as they were used in
4 cigarettes in 1986?
5 A Okay.
6 Q Yes?
7 A Yes.
8 Q Okay. Give me the list.
9 Now, is it your opinion that there were
10 ingredients that were added to tobacco that were
left off
11 the list that you saw in 1994?
12 A I can't answer that without going
through the
13 list right now.
14 Q Here it is?
15 A Good.
16 MR. BHATIA: 23.
17 (The document referred to above was
18 marked Defendant's Exhibit No. 23 for
19 identification by the Certified Shorthand
20 Reporter and is attached hereto.)
21 MR. BHATIA: Just so the record's clear,
Exhibit

22 23 is a document entitled "Ingredients Added to
Tobacco in
23 the Manufacture of Cigarettes by the Six Major
American
24 Cigarette Companies" and it's dated April 12, 1994.
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1 BY MR. BHATIA:
2 Q And I take it, Dr. Farone, this is the
3 document that you saw?
4 A Yes.
5 Q It's a document you produced to me?
6 A Yes. But I don't know which one you
were
7 talking about, so if you said that in the beginning,
it
8 would have been right on the money.
9 Q Okay. So which ingredients were added
to
10 cigarettes in 1994 that don't appear on this list?
11 A The magic 2 percent you informed me of
at my
12 last meeting. I'm not sure what they are.
13 Q I'm not sure what you're talking about
with
14 all, respect, sir. But can you tell me which
15 cigarettes -- which ingredients are, in your
opinion,
16 added to tobacco by the cigarette manufacturers, if
any,
17 that don't appear on this list?
18 A Yes.
19 Q Okay.
20 A Okay. Philip Morris uses cooked
flavors. I
21 don't see where on this list cooked flavors appears.
22 Q So cooked flavors is one.
23 A Correct. It's a wide class of
synthesized
24 chemical compounds that Philip Morris adds to
cigarettes.
25 Q Okay. If all of the constituents of
cooked

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1 flavors are in fact on this list, would that change
your
2 opinion?
3 A No, because they have been chemically
4 modified. So if you chemically modify one of the
things
5 on this list, it's no longer the item that's on this
list.
6 Q Okay. So cooked flavors. What else?
7 A In the references I gave you, there
were
8 other compounds that were listed as having been
9 synthesized and sent to Flavor Development to be
used in
10 cigarettes. And I think I looked up several of
those. I
11 can try to find those things again. The guicyl
esters or
12 whatever, they're not on the list, also.

13 Q I remember one was CR-1719; right?
14 A I don't have the name for that.
15 Q You didn't know what that was?
16 A No, I don't know, because I don't have
all
17 the references required to decipher the code.
18 Q And if you learned that CR-1719 was a
19 compound that was only used for a few months in 1980
in
20 one cigarette brand that was only sold in South
America,
21 would that change your opinion --
22 A Not on everything.
23 Q -- about it being left off the list?
24 A Sure, about 1719 that would change my
25 opinion.

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1 Q WS-14. That was another one that you
were
2 concerned about; right?
3 A Correct.
4 Q If you learned that WS-14 was used for
three
5 months in a product called Northwind that was
6 test-marketed in 1980 and then was discontinued,
would
7 that change your opinion about why it was left off
the
8 list?
9 A WS-14, if that's the case, yes.
10 Q Okay. What else? What else is used in
11 Philip Morris cigarettes or in the cigarettes of any
12 domestic tobacco company that is not on this list
that
13 should be?
14 A We talked about that a little bit last
time.
15 One of the things, coumarin, is not on
list,
16 and we know that RJR was using it.
17 Q Well, do you have any evidence that RJR
was
18 using it after 1986?
19 A No.
20 Q Okay. So maybe it shouldn't be on the
list
21 if it wasn't used after 1986; right?
22 I mean if the list is dated as of a
certain
23 date, then maybe it's not a problem that it's not
there;
24 right?
25 A Well, if you know there's something bad
and

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1 you're asked to give a list and you take it out so
that
2 you don't have to put it on the list, chances are is
it
3 something bad.
4 Q Well, do you have any evidence that
happened?
5 A No. I'm just giving you a

hypothetical.

6 Q I understand. It's just another
7 hypothetical.
8 My question is what evidence do you
have
9 that Reynolds had added coumarin in its cigarettes
after
10 1986?

11 A I don't remember the date of the Philip
12 Morris reference I showed you where they showed that
it
13 had coumarin, so I don't know how long they had it
in.

14 Q So you don't know?

15 A Right.

16 Q Anything else that should be taken out?
I
17 mean anything else that should be on this list in
your
18 opinion that is not?

19 A Yes. There's lots of things that
should be
20 on this list that aren't.

21 Q Please tell me.

22 A Sure. All of the pyrolysis products of
these
23 compounds.

24 Q But --

25 A Because --

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1 Q -- the list is entitled "Ingredients
Added to
2 Tobacco." Is it your testimony that pyrolysis
compounds
3 are ingredients added to tobacco?

4 A Isn't that what a cooked flavor is?

5 Q A cooked flavor is a pyrolysis
compound?

6 A They do it in the absence of oxygen.
There

7 are pyrolysis and combustion compounds in the
cooking

8 process. They're added to tobacco. So there
clearly are

9 changes that occur to these materials.

10 If you take valerian or any of these --
I

11 mean cocoa is a complex material. If you roast it
and you

12 change it, then probably it should be included in
its
13 different form.

14 I'm not saying that I know all of the
15 ingredients that all of the tobacco companies use.

I'm
16 not. I'm just saying this list is not an adequate
17 descriptor of the problems that could be related to
18 additives in tobacco and that is -- there are things
left
19 off here.

20 Q Sir, that's a different question. I
mean,

21 Dr. Farone, I want to know -- I mean are you

accusing --

22 is it your opinion that the tobacco companies, when
they
23 provided the list to the Department of Health and
Human
24 Services, intentionally left off ingredients that
the
25 Department of Health and Human Services required
them to

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1 put on?

2 A I don't know anything about the
transaction.

3 Q Are you accusing them of violating the
law?

4 A No.

5 Q Okay. So it's just your opinion that
the
6 type of disclosure that should be conducted with
7 ingredients is different or ought to be different
than

8 maybe what is being required of them; right?

9 A That's one conclusion, yes.

10 Q Okay. So if the only thing that

they're --

11 if the only thing that the Department of Health and

Human

12 Services asked the tobacco companies to do is to

give them

13 a list of the ingredients added to tobacco and that

is in

14 fact what they did, you'd have no basis to quibble

with

15 that, would you?

16 A Of course, I would. I can quibble with

any

17 basis that I want. If we're talking about legality

and

18 whether it's something I would --

19 Q I'm only talking about legality.

20 MR. SHUB: As a lawyer you're now asking him?

21 MR. BHATIA: I mean --

22 MR. SHUB: What are you asking him?

23 MR. BHATIA: Will you please be quiet. Just

24 object.

25 MR. SHUB: No. I think it's ridiculous.

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1 MR. BHATIA: "Object, vague."

2 "Object, ridiculous."

3 THE WITNESS: Can we restate the question.

4 BY MR. BHATIA:

5 Q Okay. What does the Department of

Health and

6 Human Services require the tobacco companies to

disclose

7 in terms of ingredients?

8 A I've never seen the order, so I don't

know

9 what they require.

10 Q So since you've not seen the order and

you

11 don't know what is required, I take it it follows

that you

12 don't know of an opinion on whether the disclosure
that
13 was in fact made was adequate or not under the terms
of
14 the Department of Health and Human Services order;
right?

15 A My opinion was based on looking at this
and
16 knowing what's there and what the effects are.

That's
17 it. I mean not knowing what the order is, I'm not
an
18 enforcement person for --

19 Q Can you answer my question?

20 A I think the answer is no, but I'm not
quite
21 sure. Did I have -- I think that's the way you
wanted it
22 answered, right?

23 Q I just want the truth.

24 A Well, could you repeat the question.

25 Q I don't want it answered any way. I'm
not

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1 asking you to do that. I just want the truth.

2 A Well, repeat the question, and I'll try
my
3 best to give you a very precise answer to the
question.

4 Q Since you do not know what the
Department of
5 Health and Human Services required the tobacco
companies
6 to disclose, --

7 A Okay.

8 Q -- I take it you also do not know
whether the
9 ingredient list that they have in fact disclosed
satisfies

10 the terms of the Department's order; correct?

11 A Correct.

12 Q Okay. At your previous deposition you
said
13 you believed that the level of additives in tobacco
ranged

14 from 23 to 25 percent; right?

15 A Total weight over and above tobacco
including
16 casings, flavorants and everything, is in that
range.

17 Q That's on a dry weight basis, sir.

18 A Everything reduced to a dry weight
basis.

19 Q What do you base that on?

20 A I base it on several things. One is
the

21 calculations that we did on mass balance for the
Philip

22 Morris processes and various other types of
publications

23 of that type that have been put out.

24 Q What other publications?

25 A Well, there's been several.

1 There's one that was put out for
 2 Massachusetts, the State of Massachusetts.
 3 There's one that was put out for public
 --
 4 various books. I'm trying to remember the names of
 the
 5 books now. But discussion of the range of weight
 changes
 6 that is not intrinsically tobacco. That includes
 7 flavorants, everything.
 8 Q Now, you also -- can you give me the
 name of
 9 a single one of these books?
 10 A I think the reference -- one of
 references is
 11 in here.
 12 Q Okay.
 13 A But --
 14 Q Have at it.
 15 A We spent -- I do not have everything.

I
 16 didn't bring these, and I don't have them
 cross-indexed to
 17 be able to immediately find an answer to a specific
 18 question.
 19 Q Would you like to do that tomorrow?
 20 A Do what?
 21 Q Find the answer to that question, what
 you're
 22 relying on for the basis of your testimony.
 23 A I'm relying on my knowledge.
 24 Q Okay. If you saw information from
 Philip
 25 Morris that showed that the level of additives was
 about a

1 third of what you opined, would you have any basis
 to
 2 disagree with that?
 3 A Yes.
 4 Q Okay. What would that basis be?
 5 A Well, it's -- you've got to see what
 they're
 6 calling additives, and I don't know what that refers
 to.
 7 What I want to know is the base weight of
 8 tobacco that they purchase, take the dry weight of
 that as
 9 it goes into the cigarette and then the weight of
 the rod,
 10 subtract that from it, and how much extra weight
 could we
 11 put in there.
 12 Q When you say "the weight of the rod,"
 you
 13 really mean the weight of the tobacco column rod?
 14 A The filler.
 15 Q Right?
 16 A The filler.
 17 Q I mean you don't mean to add the filter
 on,
 18 do you?

19 A No.
20 Q Okay. Have you ever seen this book
called
21 "The Design of Cigarettes" by Colin Browne published
by
22 Hoechst Celanese?
23 A Yes.
24 Q Okay. I think it's one of the books
you
25 cited in your very first paper that you submitted to
the

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1 FDA; right?
2 A Yes.
3 Q Here's a little chart on page 43. Have
you
4 ever looked at that?
5 A Yes.
6 Q And according to the Colin Browne book,
it
7 shows the weight of the casing, the flavors and the
8 humectants at about 8 percent in the U.S. domestic
9 cigarette; right?
10 A That's what it says.
11 Q Okay. And you disagree with that?
12 A Yes.
13 Q All right. You've never seen the
Philip
14 Morris flavor formulas; right?
15 A The flavor formulas? The blend sheets,
not
16 flavor formulas.
17 Q Right. You've never seen the flavor
18 formulas?
19 A Correct.
20 Q Okay. You say you have seen some blend
21 sheets for Philip Morris cigarettes?
22 A Yes.
23 Q Okay. Which ingredients in Exhibit 24
make
24 the cigarettes more hazardous than they would be if
the
25 additives weren't used. 23. I'm sorry.

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1 A I've given -- I went and looked up some
of
2 these, as you know, and provided a little list of
what
3 they do to you or for you, and we can go down --
most of
4 these ingredients are not intended to be inhaled.
This is
5 a GRAS list for food additives. So I would opine
that if
6 you inhaled acetic acid, for example, the second on
the
7 list, to any significant level that it would not be
a good
8 thing. Acetoin, acetophenone --
9 Q Well, take the acetic acid. What do
you base
10 that opinion on?
11 A On the MSDS and the inhalation

information

12 on acetic acid.

13 Q Okay. But how much of it is used in a
Philip Morris cigarette?

14 A I don't know.

15 Q How much of it is used in a Reynolds
16 cigarette?

17 A I don't know.

18 Q And you've already told me whether
19 something

20 is harmful or not depends in large part on dose;
21 right?

22 A No. That was, I think, an opinion that
23 you

24 put into the testimony.

25 Q Well, all right. Your testimony will
speak

26 for itself. I think we got you on that. Sorry.

27 Okay. So you're saying that, for
example, a

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1 thousandth of a percent of acetic acid makes
cigarettes

2 more harmful than they would otherwise be if the
acetic

3 acid weren't used? Is that your opinion?

4 A If it's all transferred into -- being
inhaled

5 in your lungs. We can do -- people have done TLV

6 calculations on the stuff that comes through the
cigarette

7 and shown that the numbers exceed the TLV's. But,
yes, my

8 opinion is that no safe level of acetic acid has
been

9 defined for inhalation that I'm aware of.

10 Q Now, is acetic acid an antioxidant.

11 A No.

12 Q Is Vitamin C an antioxidant?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Is it meant to be inhaled?

15 A Not meant to be inhaled. I'm
suggesting that

16 it be studied and an I.N.D., investigational new
drug,

17 application be applied for, so it would be
considered safe

18 to be inhaled.

19 Q But you recommended that we add Vitamin
C --

20 A I recommend --

21 Q -- to reduce the production of
nitrosamines;

22 right?

23 A Absolutely.

24 And I also recommend that this go
through the

25 FDA, that it be studied, and that it be given
approval to

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1 use it.

2 Q Are you aware that a safety assessment

has
3 been conducted of the ingredients that are added to
4 tobacco?
5 A Whose safety assessment?
6 Q A safety assessment by six
toxicologists.
7 A Yes.
8 Q John Doull, John Frawley,
F-r-a-w-l-e-y, --
9 William George, --
10 A I'm aware of the test.
11 Q -- Ted Loomis, Robert A. Squire,
Stephen L.
12 Taylor.
13 Are you aware of that?
14 A Yes.
15 Q You disagree with it?
16 A Yes.
17 Q Okay. Are you aware that the British
18 government publishes a list of approved cigarette
19 additives called the Hunter list?
20 A Yes.
21 Q And that that list also includes both
the
22 type of ingredient and the amount of the ingredient
that
23 can be used in cigarettes?
24 A Not in the U.S.
25 Q I think we're talking about the Hunter
list,

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1 sir.
2 A Yes, but isn't that true that those are
for
3 cigarettes that are sold and made in the United
Kingdom.
4 Q I asked you are you aware that it
includes
5 both the type of ingredient and amount of ingredient
that
6 can be used? Yes or no.
7 MR. SHUB: I'm going to object as vague
because
8 you're not specifying where, Counselor, it can be
used.
9 THE WITNESS: No.
10 MR. SHUB: On that basis I object to the
question.
11 BY MR. BHATIA:
12 Q No, you're not? Okay.
13 So I take it by your testimony then
that
14 you're unaware that the British government publishes
a
15 list that sets forth the types of cigarette
additives and
16 the level that can be used in British cigarettes?
17 A That's a different question.
18 Q Okay. Answer that question.
19 A I am aware of that list.
20 Q And are you also aware that it sets
forth the
21 amounts that can be used?

22 A Yes, I am.
23 Q Okay. And I take it that there are
things
24 that the British government has approved for use in
25 cigarettes that you think should not be approved for
use

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1 in cigarettes?
2 A Correct.
3 Q What?
4 A Cocoa.
5 Q Okay. Anything else?
6 A Licorice.
7 Q Anything else.
8 A Pyridine.
9 Q Anything else?
10 A I have to have the whole list, but we
can go
11 down the list and I can precisely point out why I
have
12 objections to each one of them, which I tried to do
in
13 that little write-up I gave you.
14 Q Well, start with this list before you,
15 Exhibit 23, and tell me which ones you'd take out.
16 We've got cocoa, licorice, pyridine.
17 A Okay. We started down the list, and
what I
18 was saying is that to my knowledge no approval has
been
19 granted for these compounds for inhalation
toxicology in
20 humans. Take them all out.
21 Q If all of the ingredients on Exhibit 23
are
22 in fact on the Hunter list and are approved for use
in
23 Great Britain, would that change your opinion that
none of
24 these ingredients have been approved for use in
inhalation
25 studies?

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1 A I already said no.
2 Q Well, what I'm trying to get at is
would it
3 change your opinion about taking all these
ingredients out
4 if you learned that the ingredients that are used in
5 American cigarettes domestically are the same
ingredients
6 that are approved for use in Great Britain? Just
would
7 that change your opinion?
8 A I said no. I already know that.
9 Q So it wouldn't change your opinion?
10 A That's correct.
11 Q You would disagree with the British
12 government?
13 A That's correct.
14 Q Okay. Reynolds just came out with a
15 cigarette that has no additives. Were you aware of
that?

16 A I saw the advertising.
17 Q What did you think of it?
18 A I haven't -- don't know any more about
it.
19 Called "Naked" something, "Go Naked" or something.
20 MR. BHATIA: Let's mark as Exhibit 24 and 25
--
21 let's get them marked. 24 and 25.
22 (The documents referred to above were
23 marked Defendant's Exhibits No. 24 and 25
24 for identification by the Certified
25 Shorthand Reporter and are attached hereto.)
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1 BY MR. BHATIA:
2 Q Exhibit 24 is an article that appeared
in the
3 Wall Street Journal on August 25, 1997, entitled
"The
4 Health Groups Challenge Winston Ad Claims."
5 Exhibit 25 is an article in the
Washington
6 Post entitled "New Winston, New Ads, New
Complaints."
7 Have you seen those articles before?
8 A No, I haven't.
9 Q Okay. If you look at the ad in the
Wall
10 Street Journal, which is Exhibit 24, do you see that
the
11 first thing the ad does is that it shows that the
level of
12 additives in the cigarette is 6 percent. Do you see
that?
13 A I see that.
14 Q Okay. The next thing it says is that
the new
15 Winstons have just a hundred percent tobacco. See
that?
16 A Yes, I see that.
17 Q Okay. If in fact this is what Reynolds
has
18 done, they've taken out the additives, I take it you
would
19 say that would be a safer cigarette because you
recommend
20 talking all the additives out?
21 A As a starting point and then putting
back in
22 the ones which are not harmful.
23 Q So you think Reynolds did a good thing?
24 A That's a step in the right direction.
25 Q And it's on the market right now?
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1 A Okay.
2 Q Now, the health groups don't like it,
do
3 they?
4 A That's their prerogative.
5 Q So --
6 MR. SHUB: Are you asking -- I'm going to
object to
7 that question.
8 MR. BHATIA: Just object all you want.

Object.

9 Have at it.

10 BY MR. BHATIA:

11 Q You know Michael Pertschuk,
12 P-e-r-t-s-c-h-u-k?

13 A Nope.

14 Q He was the former commissioner of the
Federal

15 Trade Commission. Does that ring a bell?

16 A I probably have seen the name, but --

17 Q Okay. Michael Pertschuk says that the
18 Winston ad creates an implicit health claim.

19 Do you see that?

20 A Well, that's probably -- yes. I don't
see
21 where exactly that is. Which article is it in, 24
or 25?

22 Q 24.

23 A Okay.

24 Q Do you agree that the ad creates an
implicit
25 health claim?

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1 A I can see where it could be interpreted
that
2 way.

3 Q And you know that what the health
groups are
4 doing is they're basically trying to block Reynolds
from
5 putting this cigarette on the market?

6 A That's fine.

7 MR. BHATIA: Okay.

8 MR. SHUB: You're wasting his time.

9 I don't want you to be heard to
complain that

10 you didn't have time.

11 MR. BHATIA: We can just add up all the time
you're
12 objecting, and if I get that additional, I would
probably
13 be happy.

14 BY MR. BHATIA:

15 Q Exhibit 25, that is the one entitled
"New

16 Winston, New Ads, New Complaints." See that?

17 A I do.

18 Q Do you know who Matthew Myers is?

19 A Matthew Myers?

20 I see here who he is, so now I do.

21 Q Who is he?

22 A According to this, he is of the
National
23 Center for Tobacco-Free Kids.

24 Q Okay. And have you ever met him
before?

25 A No.

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1 Q Okay. Take a look at the last
paragraph in

2 this article. See that? It says, quote:

3 "Years ago RJR recognized that the number

4 one killer isn't the additives -- it's the

5 tobacco itself," he said. "If anything, the
6 campaign ought to be, 'All of the cancer and
7 none of the taste.'"
8 Now, I take it you disagree with his
opinion
9 because you think the additives ought to be taken
out, and
10 it does make a difference?
11 A I'm not an anti-tobacco activist. I
disagree
12 with his conclusion and I disagree with his premise.
13 Q Okay. Great.
14 Do you know what American Spirit
cigarettes
15 are.
16 A Actually, I believe -- is that the --
that
17 may be the company that I mentioned that approached
me at
18 one point to do some work for them.
19 Q You didn't actually mention it was
them.
20 A I'm just trying to remember. That's
Arizona?
21 New Mexico?
22 Q Santa Fe.
23 A Santa Fe. They're the ones.
24 Q And they have a cigarette on the market
that
25 doesn't contain additives; right?
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1 A No, not to my understanding.
2 My understanding what it doesn't
contain is
3 artificial additives. They've gone out there and
maybe
4 snatched up a little peyote and some other things
that --
5 tumbleweed or whatever. I remember talking about
it.
6 It's got some pretty strange additives, in my
opinion.
7 I remember this was a -- they had a
little
8 brochure or something that described the additives
they
9 put in it, and it was really kind of -- some kind of
root
10 and some kind of bark off certain trees or something
kind
11 of weird.
12 Q At the previous deposition you
testified that
13 you thought that the level of ingredients in
Japanese
14 cigarettes was lower than that of U.S. cigarettes.
Do you
15 remember that?
16 A Level of additives, you mean?
17 Q Correct, the level of added
ingredients.
18 A Yeah.
19 Q That's still your opinion; right?

20 A Well, it was when I looked at the data,
yes.

21 Q And when was that?

22 A Mid '80s. I don't have any data from
current

23 times about what they have done with their
cigarettes in

24 terms of additives.

25 I knew they used less casing and used
less,

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1 at that time, non-tobacco materials.

2 Q And that -- when you say mid '80s, that
3 would have been before you left Philip Morris in
'84?

4 A Yes.

5 Q What's the sales weight of tar in
nicotine
6 in Japan?

7 A Today I don't know.

8 Q What was it in 1984?

9 A I don't recall.

10 Q If you learned that Philip Morris has
done

11 studies that show Japanese cigarettes have higher
additive

12 levels than Philip Morris's cigarettes, would that
change

13 any of your opinions in this case?

14 A No. They have several patents on
adding a

15 lot of sugar to reduce biological activity,
something that

16 I've read about and suggested to Philip Morris they
do,

17 and they tried it in some tests, the biological
activity

18 tests, and it looked like it was equivocal but
looked like

19 it headed in the right direction. So I wouldn't be

20 surprised that they used the technology they
developed to

21 try and make the cigarettes safer.

22 Q But I thought you said adding sugars
23 increased the aldehydes and that was a great concern
to

24 you in a hundred-percent bright cigarette?

25 A That's correct.

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1 Q So which is it? You either add the
sugar or
2 do you not.

3 A Well, we're trying to -- remember,
you've got

4 to walk this balancing act between the four classes
of

5 carcinogens. If you do that and in the basis of
doing

6 that you reduce the nitrosamines and you reduce some
of

7 the other compounds, you can come up with something
that

8 is overall less biologically active than before you

put it
9 in.
10 Q Okay. And at your last deposition you
said
11 you weren't aware that Philip Morris was trying to
reduce
12 the number of ingredients in its cigarettes; right?
13 A That's correct. I think that happened
maybe
14 after I was here.
15 Q If that's what Philip Morris is in fact
16 trying to do today, would that change any of your
17 opinions?
18 A I would say that that's a step in the
right
19 direction.
20 Q All right.
21 Do you have your expert report?
22 A Do I have it?
23 Q Do you have it? I think it's Exhibit
12. Is
24 it still in front of you?
25 A I don't recall it ever being in front
of me.

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1 Q Here's an extra copy.
2 Okay. Looking now at your expert
report
3 dated May 22, 1997, page 1, in your report you state
that
4 cigarette manufacturers have withheld the results of
5 scientific research that they have performed which
relates
6 to the danger of smoking.
7 Is it your opinion that the cigarette
8 companies knew something about the dangers of
smoking that
9 the scientific community did not know?
10 A In detail, yes.
11 Q What did they know that the scientific
12 community didn't know?
13 A Well, I'll give you a lot of specific
14 examples. But, for example, Philip Morris removed
15 coumarin, and I don't know that the scientific
community
16 really realized there was coumarin in cigarettes to
be
17 removed.
18 The scientific community recognize that
19 coumarin was a problem, but they didn't recognize
that it
20 was necessarily there in the smoke.
21 I mean there's a lot of specific things
like
22 that.
23 Q Well, let's start with coumarin.
24 On what do you base your conclusion
that the
25 scientific community was unaware that coumarin was
in

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1 cigarette smoke?

2 A Well, at some point they became aware.
The
3 issue is when did they become aware. Like Philip
Morris
4 might publish it after they remove it, for example.
I was
5 just using that as an example of how any company,
not just
6 Philip Morris, can come up with information that
talks to
7 carcinogenicity or teratogenicity or biological
activity,
8 and they don't publish it, and they keep it to
themselves,
9 and if the public had known that, that could
influence
10 whether or not you would smoke.
11 Q Okay. Since 1964 the Surgeon General
has
12 concluded that cigarette smoking causes cancer;
right?
13 A Correct.
14 Q Now, what is it that Philip Morris knew
15 either before that time or after that time that the
16 scientific community didn't know about the dangers
of
17 smoking?
18 A Well, I don't know that the scientific
19 community knew because if they knew in 1964 or '65
20 probably Dietrich Hoffmann wouldn't be publishing in
1996
21 the details about nitrosamines, about -- a lot of
the work
22 that was done by CTR, that was kept secret. It
wasn't
23 published.
24 Q Well, what?
25 A The dangers of nitrosamines, the NNK
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1 formation, the aldehyde work, the level of
interaction of
2 these compounds, the difficulty of balancing off the
--
3 Q When did Philip Morris first become
aware
4 that nitrosamines were in cigarette smoke?
5 A I'm not sure I can pinpoint a date.
6 Q When did the scientific community first
7 become aware that cigarette smoke contained
nitrosamines?
8 A Probably around 1980.
9 Q 1980?
10 A Yeah.
11 Q Could be as early as 1976, though,
couldn't
12 it?
13 A Well, could be.
14 Q Would it surprise you if there was a
15 reference to nitrosamines in the 1986 Surgeon
General's
16 report?
17 A No.
18 Q Okay. And since you don't know when

Philip
19 Morris became aware, for example, that nitrosamines
were
20 in cigarette smoke, how do you know they knew it
before
21 the scientific community knew it?
22 A They knew what they were, the levels,
how to
23 remove them, all of that. The scientific community
lags
24 what the industry knows about smoking. I mean
that's just
25 the way it is.

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1 Q Well, Dietrich Hoffmann seems to know a
lot
2 about nitrosamines; right?
3 A It was paid for by the industry. That
was
4 essentially the industry's R & D.
5 Q Well, the exhibit that we just marked,
6 Exhibit 22, that was paid for by the tobacco
industry?
7 A No. The research that was withheld in
1980
8 and 1981, that was paid for by CTR.
9 Q What research was withheld?
10 A I gave you a copy of Dr. Osdene's --
copy
11 Number 3 of the Hoffmann CTR reports which talked
about
12 Dr. Hoffman's suggestions on how to reduce the
effects of
13 nitrosamines by filtration. I mean as far as I know
that
14 wasn't published.
15 There's a lot of Tobacco Institute
documents
16 where they agreed not to publish certain kinds of
17 results.
18 Q What?
19 A Basically, the smoking and health
results,
20 the conclusions about nitrosamines and some of the
21 biological activity results.
22 Q Which documents? Can you show me?
23 A Well, the --
24 Q I've given you the documents back. Why
don't
25 you show me what it is you think was withheld?

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1 A Well, are you asking in general what
was
2 withheld?
3 Q Yes.
4 A Oh. Well, there's lots of stuff that
was
5 withheld.
6 Q I want you to show me specific
documents. I
7 don't want just your --
8 A The one on top. Here's a specific
document.

9 MR. BHATIA: Okay. Let's mark this as the
next
10 exhibit.
11 (The document referred to above was
12 marked Defendant's Exhibit No. 26 for
13 identification by the Certified Shorthand
14 Reporter and is attached hereto.)
15 MR. BHATIA: Let the record reflect that
16 plaintiffs' counsel is pointing to and handing the
witness
17 documents from a stack of document that he has gone
18 through and --
19 MR. SHUB: Who's gone through them?
20 MR. BHATIA: Plaintiffs' counsel.
21 Let the record reflect that, and he is
22 directing the witness to certain items.
23 MR. SHUB: I'm going to object to that
24 characterization as completely false.
25 MR. BHATIA: That's fine. You have four
witnesses

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1 on this side. You can say what you want.
2 THE WITNESS: I provided the documents.
3 MR. BHATIA: I think he pulled it out of the
stack,
4 sir.
5 THE WITNESS: I asked him for it.
6 MR. BHATIA: No. You asked him for this
document.
7 MR. SHUB: And this document.
8 MR. BHATIA: Yeah, right.
9 MR. SHUB: He did.
10 BY MR. BHATIA:
11 Q What in this document, Exhibit 26 --
can you
12 tell me what in Exhibit 26 was not known to the
scientific
13 community?
14 A When I gave you this document, I
outlined it
15 and starred it. And the basic thing is, I'm pleased
to
16 report, this is Dr. Wakeham, the vice president of
17 Research & Development, giving a presentation to the
18 Philip Morris board of directors on October 15,
1973, in
19 which he states:
20 "I am pleased to report that we
21 already have a number of such prototypes on
22 our shelves with more to come in the
23 future."
24 And the prototypes he's referring to is
a
25 safe or safer cigarette.

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1 Q How do you know that?
2 A "The definition of cigarette 'safeness'
3 centers around a battery of bioassay tests
4 currently with animals but eventually with
5 humans. Our current program is to use a

6 limited number of such tests to evaluate
7 filter combinations, blend components, and
8 even non-tobacco substitute materials. We
9 are working to be in a position to design a
10 cigarette which will meet 'less hazardous'
11 specifications if they are ever imposed on
12 us and at the same time to make a product
13 which is attractive to the smoker."
14 Then he states:
15 "I am pleased to report we already
16 have a number of such prototypes on our
17 shelves with more to come in the future."
18 Q How do you know those cigarettes were
ever
19 marketed?
20 A I went to work for them three years
21 thereafter. And if in fact four different
cigarettes
22 which were claimed to satisfy the stuff within these
23 battery of tests were put on the market, would they
24 withhold that information from everybody who works
within
25 the company?

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1 Q That was your earlier testimony, that
you
2 thought a lot of stuff was withheld from you. How
do you
3 know you just didn't know about it? I'm just
asking.
4 A Okay. Because in talking with them, we
were
5 hired in '76 to do essentially the same thing.
6 Q Well, how do you know they didn't come
on the
7 market between '73 and '76?
8 A I don't know what cigarettes he's
referring
9 to. You asked me for evidence that information was
10 withheld. This is evidence it was withheld.
11 Q Okay. But how do you know -- you don't
know
12 what cigarettes are being referred to; right?
You've
13 already testified to that.
14 A I'm getting confused.
15 MR. SHUB: Object. Argumentative.
16 THE WITNESS: Was this being published?
17 MR. SHUB: Typically argumentative.
18 THE WITNESS: Did Philip Morris publish that
they
19 have had four prototypes that satisfied the --
20 BY MR. BHATIA:
21 Q How do you know the cigarettes were not
22 introduced into the marketplace?
23 MR. SHUB: Object. Argumentative.
24 MR. BHATIA: That's the question.
25 THE WITNESS: I have never seen any results
that

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1 would indicate that such cigarettes were introduced
in the
2 marketplace.

3 MR. BHATIA: Okay.
4 THE WITNESS: So I don't know that they
weren't.
5 BY MR. BHATIA:
6 Q You don't know that they weren't?
7 A Right.
8 Q Okay. That document, Exhibit 25 -- 26?
9 A 26.
10 Q That was one of the documents that was
sent
11 to you by plaintiffs' counsel?
12 A No.
13 Q How did you get it?
14 A Plaintiffs' counsel in which suit? I
mean
15 I -- not this plaintiffs' counsel.
16 Q That document was sent to you by
plaintiffs'
17 counsel --
18 A Mississippi.
19 Q -- who filed suit in the tobacco
litigation?
20 A I believe it was Mississippi.
21 Q So you didn't get it on your own. Some
22 plaintiffs' lawyer picked it out and sent it to you.
23 Right?
24 A That's correct.
25 Q In your report you say that many
advanced

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1 programs -- we're back to your expert report -- many
2 advanced programs related to smoking and health were
3 curtailed, stopped, and never used for producing
safer
4 cigarettes.
5 A Correct.
6 Q Other than what we have discussed in
this
7 deposition -- well, actually, strike that.
8 Can you tell me every such program that
was
9 stopped at Philip Morris?
10 A With enough time.
11 Currently the ones I can think of are
the
12 filtration program, the --
13 Q Which filtration program?
14 A Carbon monoxide filtration program.
15 The reduction in nitrate we talked
about.
16 Q Which reduction in nitrate?
17 A Either the naturally occurring
18 denitrification or the microbial reduction.
19 Q Okay.
20 A The ones referred to in Exhibit 16.
21 The genetic modifications of tobacco
which
22 there were at least two such programs.
23 Q Uh-huh.
24 A The -- let's see.
25 The nitrosamine reduction program,
which we

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1 discussed.
2 The filter programs.
3 What I'm referring to there is this
whole
4 discussion that I started with my presentation to
FDA
5 where I said it was a good thing to change the
6 nicotine-to-tar ratio, and Philip Morris comes back
and
7 said, "We never did it," and my take on that was,
"This
8 was a good thing to do and sure we did," and it was
a good
9 thing to do, and so --
10 Q I don't understand that at all.
11 A Well, in my opinion, if you look at the
data,
12 we deliberately changed the cigarette to increase
the
13 nicotine-to-tar ratio, the idea being that the tar
was
14 more harmful than the nicotine, so that's why we did
it.
15 In the response that the industry made,
16 primarily Philip Morris, to my FDA publication, they
said,
17 "We didn't do that. That's ridiculous. The tar and
18 nicotine stayed the same and tracked each other."
19 So to me if Philip Morris is right in
their
20 refutation of my publication, then that's another
program
21 they didn't do that they should have done.
22 If I'm correct, then they were good
guys and
23 they did what we thought or I thought we were doing.
24 Q I guess I understand that.
25 What else?

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1 A There was a program that seemed to be
leading
2 to pretty good results with the addition of things
in
3 along with the filler, metal oxides, platinum,
things of
4 that type, that would in fact reduce the formation
of some
5 of the biologically active components changing the
6 combustion pyrolysis profiles.
7 Q Anything else?
8 A We talked about the extraction, the ART
9 process.
10 Q Well, that product was actually
introduced in
11 the marketplace?
12 A And then removed.
13 Q But it was introduced in the
marketplace?
14 A Correct. I think that's primarily it.
15 Q I mean you can't say that the ART
process was
16 never used for producing safer products, can you,

because

17 in fact it was used?

18 A No. I'm not saying -- correct, it was
used.

19 Q So the ART process doesn't meet your
20 definition?

21 A No. It wasn't withheld, just
withdrawn.

22 Q Well, I mean you don't even use the
verb

23 "withdrawn" in the statement, "curtailed, stopped
and

24 never used," do you?

25 A Stopped. Yeah, sure. That's a program
that

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1 was stopped.

2 Q But it was used for producing safer
products?

3 A Yeah. Many advanced programs related
to

4 smoking and health were curtailed -- that was
curtailed --

5 stopped -- that was stopped -- or never used.

6 Q Well, it doesn't say "or." It says
"and."

7 A Okay. "And" never used.

8 Q It's not in the disjunctive, is it?
It's in

9 the conjunctive.

10 A There's also a period after
"curtailed."

11 That's a mistake. But be that as it may, the idea
is --

12 if you're asking my opinion, it would have been a
good

13 thing to keep that product on the market.

14 Q Okay. You also say -- well, let me
ask you
15 this:

16 What do you know about the research
programs

17 that were being done at the other tobacco companies
which

18 they curtailed, stopped, and never used?

19 A A lot.

20 Q Like what?

21 A Well, in the Mississippi, Texas, and
Florida

22 cases, I have reviewed documents of the other
companies,

23 also.

24 For this action I haven't gone back and
25 reviewed a lot of those because they had protective
orders

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1 associated with them.

2 Q Well, do you plan to rely on any of
those

3 documents for the opinions you give in this case?

4 A I'm trying to find out whether the
protective

5 order allows me to do that or not.

6 Q Well, if you decide to rely on those
7 documents, will we be given copies of them?
8 A If I decide to rely on them, I will
give them
9 to counsel who, I'm sure, will make you aware of
them.
10 Q Okay. And it's kind of hard for me to
11 question you about some documents you haven't seen,
isn't
12 it -- I mean that I haven't seen?
13 A Correct.
14 MR. BHATIA: So, Jonathan, why don't you give
me
15 some guidance here. Should I ask him -- is he going
to
16 offer any opinions at trial on research programs
that were
17 stopped at other tobacco companies other than Philip
18 Morris?
19 MR. SHUB: I believe so.
20 MR. BHATIA: When am I going to get those
21 documents?
22 MR. SHUB: We'll endeavor to get you those
23 documents.
24 MR. BHATIA: Are you going to give me some
more
25 time with him?
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1 MR. SHUB: I'm not going to make a commitment
to
2 that at this point.
3 MR. BHATIA: You agree you haven't given me
those
4 documents thus far, though?
5 MR. SHUB: That's correct, since it's our
position
6 you've had an ample opportunity to question the
doctor.
7 MR. BHATIA: Hey, you know, take whatever
position
8 you want. It's a free country.
9 I'm not going to ask you about those
because
10 I don't have the documents.
11 THE WITNESS: I'd like to point out that
neither
12 does he yet, so --
13 MR. BHATIA: Oh, I understand.
14 THE WITNESS: Okay.
15 BY MR. BHATIA:
16 Q On page 4 of your declaration you also
state
17 that research -- "As this research began..." --
18 Do you have something to say to the
witness?
19 MR. SHUB: Nothing. It was a schedule point,
if
20 indeed we need to do it, but that can wait.
21 BY MR. BHATIA:
22 Q On page 4 of your report you also say:
23 "As this research began to provide further
24 evidence for disease causation and
25 addiction, much of it was stopped or moved

1 to foreign shores, where it could be
2 effectively hidden."
3 A Correct.
4 MR. SHUB: What paragraph are you on,
Counselor?
5 MR. HURWITZ: Entitled "Hidden Research" at
the
6 bottom.
7 MR. SHUB: I've got it.
8 MR. BHATIA: You got it?
9 BY MR. BHATIA:
10 Q Can you tell me every such program that
was
11 stopped at Philip Morris?
12 A Probably don't know them all. I know
that a
13 lot of the work was done, like Dr. Gullotta's stuff
going
14 over to --
15 MR. SHUB: G-u-l-l-o-t-t-a.
16 BY MR. BHATIA:
17 Q Okay.
18 A -- INBIFO, more of the projects like
Tasso
19 and Poldi and things like that being done at FTR
rather
20 than at Philip Morris.
21 A lot of the discussion we had earlier
about
22 the Hunter Commission data, that was all done in
Europe,
23 and very little of the testing or the information
was
24 circulated within the United States for the benefit
of
25 scientists in the United States at Philip Morris.

1 Q How do you know that?
2 A Because I was one of them when that was
going
3 on, and I didn't find out anything about it.
4 Q That doesn't -- it's a non sequitur.
5 A No. We were doing work on trying to
reduce
6 the risks of smoking in cigarettes, make a safer
7 cigarette. Research is being done by Philip Morris
paid
8 for by Philip Morris that relates to the work that
we're
9 doing within Philip Morris and we're not aware of
the
10 results of the research that Philip Morris is paying
for
11 or is involved in in Europe. So it does, in my
opinion,
12 support this.
13 Q How did the research -- how was it
hidden?
14 Hidden from whom?
15 A Hidden from both people inside and
outside
16 the company who might have a reason to be actively

17 interested in that for the benefit of smokers in
general.

18 Q Well, how was it hidden from people
outside

19 the company? How was moving it overseas --

20 A How was it hidden?

21 Q No. How was moving it overseas --
strike all

22 that.

23 MR. SHUB: Counselor, could we take a
five-minute
24 break?

25 MR. BHATIA: No.

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1 BY MR. BHATIA:

2 Q How was moving research overseas a way
to

3 effectively hide research?

4 THE WITNESS: Excuse me. May I at least get
a

5 drink?

6 MR. SHUB: We're going to take a five-minute
break.

7 I thought I was being courteous to ask, but now
there's

8 not going to be any asking.

9 THE WITNESS: I need to get a drink.

10 MR. BHATIA: Sure. Of course.

11 (Recess)

12 MR. BHATIA: Would you read the pending
question.

13 (Whereupon the pending question was
14 read by the reporter.)

15 THE WITNESS: The scientists, scientific
16 community, and people working on it in the United
States
17 have less access to it if it's in Europe somewhere,
18 especially if we're not given copies of the reports
or

19 anything of that type.

20 BY MR. BHATIA:

21 Q If research was hidden from you, how
did you

22 come to learn about it?

23 A Only through the documents that I've
been

24 provided as part of these various plaintiffs'
actions.

25 Q Documents that were produced to
plaintiffs'

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1 counsel; right?

2 A Correct.

3 Q So the documents weren't hidden from
4 plaintiffs' counsel, were they? They were produced
to

5 them; right?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Okay. And according to your testimony
for

8 the last day, you saw quite a bit of biological
activity

9 testing at Philip Morris, didn't you?

10 A, Oh, the stuff that was done within the
R & D
11 center, yes.
12 Q Was it also the case that many reports
were
13 circulated at Philip Morris that contained findings
from
14 INBIFO and you received copies of those reports?
15 A Not very many. I can think of maybe
one or
16 two in my tenure there where I was actually on the
17 distribution list of such a report.
18 Q Okay. Which one or two can you think
of?
19 A Offhand, I was not on the distribution
list
20 for INBIFO reports.
21 Q I thought you testified that you didn't
know
22 about INBIFO until after you left the company?
23 A I didn't know Phil Morris owned INBIFO.
I
24 didn't know that Tom Osdene -- the guy reported to
him and
25 was making a hundred and fifty thousand a year,
whatever

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1 it was. I learned about that through the T.I.
letters and
2 memos.
3 Q Okay. So you did see INBIFO reports;
you
4 just didn't know that Philip Morris owned it?
5 A Correct.
6 MR. SHUB: I'm going to object to that
7 characterization of his testimony.
8 THE WITNESS: I didn't know -- like the
inhalation
9 studies, I mean the reports that we saw were -- that
I
10 saw, was probably -- I can't even think of one where
I was
11 on the distribution list. Tom may have shown me
stuff
12 from time to time, but the bulk of that work was not
13 shared within the R & D community at Philip Morris,
and
14 that trend continues up through '89.
15 BY MR. BHATIA:
16 Q Can you give me any more specificity on
the
17 research that was moved overseas to hide it other
than
18 identifying Gullotta's work and some of the Poldi
and
19 Tasso work?
20 A Yes. The inhalation -- as far as I
know at
21 R & D in Richmond, no inhalation toxicology was
done. No
22 skin painting was done. None of the in vivo type
testing
23 other than Dr. DeNoble's work, which was closed

down,
24 which constitutes a form of stopping or hiding, that
was
25 all done at the laboratories in -- either at INBIFO
or --

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1 I also understood we were using contract
laboratories. I
2 didn't know who they were, but I had done work like
that
3 at Lever Brothers. So, you know, Hazelton or Wyeth
or
4 whoever's laboratory we might use.

5 Q If Philip Morris -- so it's your
testimony
6 that Philip Morris was using contract laboratories
in the
7 United States for biological research; right?

8 A That's correct.

9 Q And if those laboratories required as a
10 condition of doing the work that they be permitted
to
11 publish the findings of their research, would that
change
12 your opinion on ways in which research could be
hidden?

13 A Well, not generally because if you're a
14 subcontractor -- the contracts I'm talking about,
Philip
15 Morris owns the results of that research if they're
paying
16 for it. I'm not talking about university or CTR
work.

17 I'm talking about Hazelton or Wyeth or INBIFO that I
18 thought was another private company.

19 Q I'm asking are you aware of any
instances in
20 which contract laboratories require as a condition
of
21 doing work for Philip Morris that they be permitted
to
22 publish the results?

23 A The Abood work, some of that work, I
was
24 aware of that, yes.

25 Q Is there any other work that you're
aware of?

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1 A Probably. I mean some of the
university
2 studies that were done -- I think some of the
M.C.V.,
3 Medical College of Virginia, work, also had a
stipulation
4 like that, but I didn't see the contract, so I'm not
in a
5 great position to give you information.

6 Q Any other research that you believe was
moved
7 to foreign shores so that it could be effectively
hidden?

8 A I think we've covered the basics.

9 Q Are you going to testify about any

research

10 programs that any other tobacco companies other than
11 Philip Morris moved overseas?

12 A I'm trying to remember all of the
things I've

13 seen. I don't think -- B.A.T. is a special case
because a

14 lot of their stuff was done overseas because they
own

15 B & W, so it's not moving it overseas to hide it.

It's

16 simply using the existing system that's set up to
shield

17 it from B & W.

18 Q Are you going to testify about B.A.T.
19 research at trial?

20 A I haven't -- I mean if the documents
are

21 available and if I'm asked, if I review them, I
could. But

22 so far I haven't done that.

23 Q Have those documents, those B.A.T.
documents,

24 been made available to us in this case?

25 A No. They haven't even been available
to

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1 plaintiffs' counsel in this action. And I haven't
2 reviewed them since I became involved in this

action.

3 This was all reviewed for Mississippi and Texas and
4 Florida.

5 Q So as it stands today, you don't intend
to

6 offer any opinions in this case on research that was
a

7 conducted by B.A.T. overseas?

8 A Overseas, that's correct.

9 Q Okay. Page 5 of your report at the top
you

10 say:

11 "During the course of this research many
12 potential product concepts were discovered
13 that could have been used to reduce the risk
14 associated with smoking."

15 Do you see that?

16 A Yes, I do.

17 Q And you use the words "this research."

Do

18 you see that?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Are you intending to refer to the
research

21 that was moved to foreign shores where it could
22 effectively be hidden?

23 A No. It wasn't limited to that.

24 Q I mean that's the way it reads if you
just

25 read it. I mean it's under the heading "Hidden
Research";

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1 right?

2 A Yeah, but if you go back to the first

3 sentence in the previous paragraph, we're talking
about,
4 "The tobacco products companies have gone to
5 great lengths to conduct hundreds of
6 millions of dollars of research on the
7 relationship between smoking and health and
8 on the effects of nicotine."

9 This document wasn't proofread by, you
know,
10 good writers. I did this all on my own, and so it's
got
11 all the warts of having maybe improper reference
back to
12 the previous part of something else.

13 Q I thought you testified that there was
an
14 earlier draft of this that you provided to your
colleague
15 at Applied Power Concepts and he read it to avoid
those
16 kinds of problems.

17 A That's correct.
18 Q So it was proofread?
19 A Well, but not to the extent that a good
20 editor would in a journal. They'd pick up something
like

21 that and say, "What does 'this' refer to?"
22 Q Now, the potential product concepts
that were
23 discovered that could have been used to reduce the
risks
24 associated with smoking, are those anything other
than the
25 ones you've already described in your deposition?

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1 A No. They are the ones that we talked
about
2 earlier.

3 Q So there's nothing new out there?

4 A Not that I'm aware of right now.

5 Q Okay. Excellent.

6 Now, it's your belief that Philip

Morris set
7 up a program to screen tobacco for polonium 210; is
that
8 right?

9 A To screen tobacco for radioactive
activity,
10 not limited to polonium 210, yes.

11 Q When was that program set up?

12 A It was active '83 or '84. Again, it's
one of
13 those ones that I wasn't privy to, so I don't know
the
14 exact dates. I just know that they built the
so-called

15 low-level laboratory. They staffed it, and they ran
16 samples through it.

17 Q Okay. And I believe you refer to some
18 testimony by Dr. Ellis where she said that there was

no
19 program at Philip Morris to screen for polonium 210.
20 I take it then that you believe one of

the
21 things this low-level facility was testing for was
22 polonium 210?
23 A That was the impetus for setting up the
24 low-level laboratory.
25 Q Okay. Would it surprise you if you
learned

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1 that the impetus for setting up the laboratory was
the
2 incident at Chernoble in Europe?
3 A I don't think that -- I mean --
4 Q The answer is yes or no?
5 A The answer is yes. It would be
extremely
6 surprising if that were the sole reason why they set
up
7 that laboratory.
8 Q I don't think that was the question.

The
9 question was impetus.
10 A The -- okay.
11 Q But can you answer my question?
12 A Yes, that would surprise me.
13 Q Yes, that would surprise you?
14 Now, on page 5 of your report, the
paragraph
15 beginning, "The industry had published..." do you
see
16 that?

17 A Yes.
18 Q Now, you see where they say -- where
you say,
19 quote:
20 "They attempted to decrease the levels of
21 nitrates because they know that while
22 increasing nitrates reduces PAHs, it
23 generally increases the delivery of the
24 oxides of nitrogen and nitrosamines."
25 A Correct.

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1 Q And who is the "they" you're referring
to?
2 A The industry.
3 Q And I take it in the case of Philip
Morris,
4 one of the ways in which Philip Morris attempted to
5 decrease the level of nitrates was the
implementation of
6 the denitrification system at Park 500 where
reconstituted
7 leaf is made; right?
8 A Correct.
9 Q Okay. And what did the other companies
do
10 that you're aware of to decrease the levels of
nitrates?
11 A They tried to get low-nitrate tobaccos,
some
12 of them. Some of them also looked at microbial
reduction
13 technology. There was stem washing programs at some
14 companies that used stems, per se. They would just

wash
15 it and throw the nitrates away.
16 Those are the three things that I'm
aware
17 of.
18 Q You see the paragraph that begins, "The
19 tobacco products industry is faced with many
choices"?
20 A Yes.
21 Q Are you aware of current programs at
Philip
22 Morris to attempt to modify the way in which tobacco
is
23 burned and pyrolyzed so that there's a substantial
24 reduction in nitrosamines, PAHs, and other harmful
25 constituents of tobacco smoke?

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1 A No, I'm not.
2 Q If Philip Morris was in fact working on
3 programs like that, would you consider that to be a
step
4 in the right direction?
5 A Yes, I would.
6 Q And if the cigarette that Philip Morris
was
7 working on also provided a controlled burn so that
it
8 eliminated any risk of a cigarette-related fire,
would you
9 consider that to be a step in the right direction?
10 A Yes, I would.
11 Q And if the cigarette that Philip Morris
was
12 working on controlled the burn of the cigarette so
that
13 there was little or no sidestream smoke, would you
14 consider that to be a good thing?
15 A Actual -- not just visible reduction of
16 something we can't see but -- you mean actual mass
percent
17 of material delivered?
18 Q Absolutely.
19 A Right, then I agree.
20 Q I mean essentially a cigarette that
would
21 only burn when it was being puffed on and then only
in a
22 controlled manner so that nitrosamines and PAHs and
other
23 harmful constituents were generated at substantially
lower
24 levels.

25 A In the sidestream?

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1 Q In the sidestream and in the
mainstream.
2 A Yes. That's great.
3 Q You would applaud all of those efforts?
4 A Correct.
5 Q And in the documents that the
plaintiffs have
6 provided you, you've not seen any references to that
7 effort by Philip Morris; is that right?

8 A Well, I have seen very few current
9 documents. I mean I think I have one document from
1997,
10 and everything else probably is from '89 or '90
going
11 back.

12 Q Okay.

13 A So the last seven years.

14 Q I mean if there's a big program that
Philip
15 Morris has been pouring tens of millions of dollars
into

16 from 1989 forward, it's your testimony that you
didn't --

17 you weren't aware of that program because the
plaintiffs'

18 counsel didn't select and provide you those
documents;

19 right?

20 MR. SHUB: I'm going to object to that
21 characterization because that assumes --

22 MR. BHATIA: Object.

23 MR. SHUB: -- plaintiffs' counsel has the
24 documents.

25 MR. BHATIA: Oh, will you stop testifying.
Your

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1 objection is noted.

2 BY MR. BHATIA:

3 Q Can you answer the question?

4 A I don't have any such documents, so
yeah.

5 Q Right. That's fine.

6 And the reason you don't have those
documents

7 is they're not among those that were selected and
provided

8 you by the plaintiffs' counsel?

9 A Collectively plaintiffs' counsel, yes.

10 Q I mean in all the litigations against
the
11 tobacco industry, they're just not things you were
12 provided?

13 A Right.

14 Q Now, at the bottom of page 5 you refer
to,
15 quote:

16 "The industry had technology available to
17 reduce these gases and failed to use it."

18 And the "these gases" are carbon
monoxide and

19 the oxides of nitrogen; correct?

20 A Correct.

21 Q And I take it that the technology that
you're
22 referring to is the cobalt/aluminum filter?

23 A Well, there's several ways to reduce
CO,

24 carbon monoxide, but the oxides of nitrogen I'm
referring

25 to is the denitrification extensions that we've
already

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1 talked about.
2 Q Okay. Does the reference at the bottom
of
3 page 5 that I just read include any filtration work?
4 A Yes, it does.
5 Q And in terms of filtration work, is
that the
6 cobalt-and-aluminum filter?
7 A That's one of the ones. That's the
primary
8 one. There was also -- that's the one that I know
worked,
9 so, yes, for carbon monoxide. But that didn't at
the time
10 do very much for reducing oxides of nitrogen.
11 The whole impetus behind increasing the
12 nitrate removal were the oxide of nitrogen numbers
that
13 might be forced to be put on packs that you would
have to
14 disclose how much n-o-x you had in your smoke, and
so it
15 sort of was, "Well, if they force us to do it, we'll
16 implement this technology so we'll have lower
numbers. But
17 unless we're forced to do it, we're not going to
implement
18 the technology just to reduce the oxides of
nitrogen."
19 Q And where was it that the companies
would be
20 required to place nitrous oxides levels on the pack?
21 A Well, there was concern about Germany,
22 Canada, even in the U.S., that FTC might come out
and say,
23 "Okay. We're going to go ahead and do what Germany
has
24 done and require that gases be put on the pack."
25 Q In Germany it's not that the gas -- I
mean is

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1 it your testimony that in Germany, cigarettes sold
in
2 Germany, that the nitrous oxide level is on the
pack?
3 A No. They have to provide a list of the
4 deliveries.
5 Q Have you heard of something called the
6 Hirschfeld index?
7 A Yes.
8 Q Okay. Isn't it the case that when the
9 Hirschfeld Index was being developed in the mid '70s
10 Philip Morris responded by instituting a
denitrification
11 system at Park 500 so the nitrous oxide levels of
12 cigarettes would be reduced?
13 A Yes, but only to an extent.
14 Q In the aluminum/cobalt filter that
you've
15 talked about, who was the person at Philip Morris
most
16 knowledgeable about the work that was done on that
filter?

17 A I would -- I don't know who's there
now. At
18 the time?
19 Q Uh-huh.
20 A Dr. Allen Kassman was the manager of
the
21 Physical Research Division in which most of that
work was
22 done, and the scientist who worked on it was Dr.
William
23 Dwyer.
24 Q Dr. Kassman was a friend of yours;
right?
25 A Yes.

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1 Q Still is?
2 A I don't know.
3 Q You consider him to be a fine
scientist,
4 don't you?
5 A Yeah. He was one of the brighter
people who
6 worked for me. I had a lot of respect for Dr.
Kassman and
7 still do.
8 Q What about Bill Dwyer, what do you
think of
9 him as a scientist?
10 A Bill was good. I haven't seen or heard
from
11 him since '84, so I don't know if he's even still
there.
12 Q If it was Dr. Kassman and Dr. Dwyer's
opinion
13 that the aluminum oxide and cobalt catalyst didn't
have a
14 very long lifetime, would you dispute that?
15 A Well, that's contrary to the results
they
16 presented to the Richmond meeting, so what that
means is
17 it didn't have a long lifetime and then we made it
so that
18 it did have a long lifetime, and since we told the
19 management of the company that it had a long
lifetime,
20 it's now lost its long lifetime again, so I would
dispute
21 that.
22 Q You would dispute it. Now, if they
testified
23 that one of the problems with using an aluminum
oxide and
24 cobalt catalyst is that there was no way to deal
with the
25 heat that was generated from the oxidation of CO to
CO₂,

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1 is that something you would dispute as well?
2 A My recollection is we have data which
showed
3 you could smoke as many as 20 cigarettes through a

single
4 filter and reduce the carbon monoxide by up to 98
percent
5 even on the last few, so I would refute that.
6 Q What about testimony that said that
during
7 the oxidation process 80 to 90 kilocalories per mole
were
8 generated from the catalysis process and that made
the
9 filter tip unuseable, would you dispute that?
10 A I believe we addressed that issue in
the
11 design of the filter tip. I mean what they may have
-- we
12 actually had working prototypes that didn't burn
fire,
13 that didn't get hot, that didn't -- it may change
the kind
14 of tip you have to use.
15 One of the devices that we were
discussing
16 which I believe was presented by Mr. McDowell to the
board
17 was a cigarette holder that might have been ceramic
that
18 you can smoke up to 20 cigarettes and would be sold
with
19 the pack. So this would be a filter in addition to
the
20 filter that you already have on the cigarette.
You'd put
21 the cigarette into this holder. And that device
22 seemed to be perfectly okay for smoking a cigarette.
I
23 mean I think it was demonstrated in the Richmond
meeting,
24 somebody smoking.
25 Q So you would dispute it then?
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1 A I would, uh-huh.
2 Q Okay. Are you aware that after you
left
3 Philip Morris, in the 1980s -- in the late 1980s and
early
4 1990s that Philip Morris revisited the catalysis
project
5 with outside scientists from Seton Hall?
6 A No.
7 Q And if you were presented with data
that the
8 outside scientists in Seton Hall came to the
conclusion
9 that the aluminum oxide and cobalt catalyst didn't
work,
10 would you dispute that as well?
11 A Yes.
12 Q Okay. And I take it you've not seen
any data
13 from the work that Philip Morris has done at Seton
Hall on
14 the catalysis project?
15 A No, I haven't.

16 Q Okay, Dr. Farone. Still back to your
17 report.
18 MR. SHUB: Off the record a minute.
19 (Whereupon a discussion was held
20 off the record.)
21 MR. SHUB: Back on.
22 MR. BHATIA: Back on.
23 ///
24 BY MR. BHATIA:
25 Q Look at the section marked "Additives."
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1 MR. SHUB: What page?
2 MR. BHATIA: Page 7.
3 MR. SHUB: He did say "please," Dr. Farone.
We
4 just didn't hear it.
5 BY MR. BHATIA:
6 Q The paragraph beginning "U.S.
cigarettes
7 differ in another way from foreign cigarettes."
8 A Yes.
9 Q If you learned that Japanese cigarettes
10 contained a higher level of additives than U.S.
11 cigarettes, would that change the opinions set forth
in
12 the first two sentences of your expert report under
the
13 paragraph "Additives"?
14 A Well, I wasn't limiting this to
Japanese. I
15 mean Canada now doesn't have additives. I think
Germany
16 has a restricted number of additives. I think
because of
17 the Hunter list there's fewer additives used. I'm
not
18 sure it would change the substance of the problem
that I
19 see with the effect of additives being different,
use of
20 the word "additive" to the problems associated with
tar.
21 Q But if you learned that Philip Morris
was
22 removing the number of additives that it used in the
23 cigarette manufacturing process, would that change
any of
24 the opinions that you set forth in those first two
25 sentences?
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1 A Yes. I indicated before that I would
applaud
2 that action.
3 Q Okay. Now, you say that -- the
sentence
4 beginning "Many of the active ingredients and
materials in
5 this list are known to have central nervous system
effects
6 similar to nicotine and some are hallucinogenic,"
can you
7 tell me which of the ingredients that are added to
tobacco

8 are hallucinogenic?
9 A Yeah. I gave you a paper that I wrote
on
10 that subject.
11 Q Can we find it?
12 A I hope so.
13 MR. SHUB: He'll find it, Dr. Farone.
14 MR. BHATIA: I don't think I --
15 THE WITNESS: Oh, yes. It was very definite.
It
16 was in my FDA file.
17 MR. BHATIA: Was it one of the ones we marked
last
18 time?
19 THE WITNESS: I don't know whether it was
marked.
20 MR. BHATIA: Was it Exhibit 5-E?
21 THE WITNESS: Could I see it.
22 MR. BHATIA: Can you show him the original of
5-E.
23 THE WITNESS: That's it, yes. Yes.
24 MR. BHATIA: This is it?
25 THE WITNESS: This is it.

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1 BY MR. BHATIA:
2 Q Okay. The first question is does
whether an
3 ingredient produces a hallucinogenic effect in
cigarette
4 smoke depend on the amount that's used?
5 A Very little is known about what happens
when
6 you combine some of these ingredients with each
other and
7 with nicotine.
8 Q So is the answer to my question no?
9 A No. I'd say the answer to your
question in
10 general is that, of course, effect is going to be
11 important with hallucinogens unlike carcinogenicity,
yes.
12 Q So you don't know the quantity of the
13 ingredients that are added to tobacco, do you, and
the
14 levels?
15 A I don't think that's relevant to my
16 testimony, but the answer is no.
17 Q Okay. So it's -- is it your opinion --
18 let's, I guess, step back for a second. Go to 5-E.
19 Looking at Exhibit 5-E, which of these ingredients
-- show
20 me the first one that is hallucinogenic.
21 A Oleoresin.
22 Q O-l-e-o-r-e-s-i-n?
23 A Yes.
24 Q What's that?
25 A Well, on the right-hand column I give
you

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1 some indication of the common or general chemical
that's
2 classified with it. So those are gingerol, which is

a
3 specific chemical compound, and terpene which is a
class
4 of compound.
5 Q Is oleoresin -- does it come from oleic
acid,
6 o-l-e-i-c, acid?
7 A No.
8 Q What does it come from?
9 A Well, oleoresin can come from a variety
--
10 oleoresin can come from wood extracts, from various
11 kinds. It's oil associated with growing plants.
Oleate
12 is only a specific example derived from usually
animal or
13 vegetable fat, so this is a more general term,
oleoresin.
14 Q What ingredient on the ingredient list,
15 which is Exhibit 23, corresponds to oleoresin.
16 A Well, it's the -- 239.
17 Q Ginger oil?
18 A Ginger oil and oleoresin.
19 Q Okay. So --
20 A Those are -- see, that's ginger oil and
21 oleoresin. The computer got a little out of context
22 there. The word "zingiberene" is a chemical that
goes
23 over on the right-hand side to be listed with
gingerol and
24 terpenes, so that's a computer problem.
25 Q Okay. So it should be ginger oil and
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1 oleoresin?
2 A Yeah, number 239 on the list.
3 Q Now, ginger oil, it comes from ginger;
right?
4 A Yes.
5 Q And people cook with ginger; right?
6 A Uh-huh.
7 Q And it's also used in, like, baked
goods and
8 meats; and some candies even use ginger. Right?
9 A Correct.
10 Q Okay. Now, do you have any evidence
that the
11 amount of ginger oil and oleoresin that is used in
Philip
12 Morris cigarettes produces a hallucinogenic effect?
13 A There is some evidence from the
literature on
14 the people who do these kinds of things on, like,
the
15 Internet that when you take these common ingredients
that
16 you find in your kitchen and you burn them and you
inhale
17 it that you get an effect which is far out of
proportion
18 to what you would get from eating it.
19 So you can't use the levels of effect
from
20 ingestion to tell you what's going to happen when

you
21 inhale it.
22 One of the documents that the industry
has
23 provided says that these things don't pyrolize, that
24 they're transferred intact in the smoke into the
lungs,
25 which would mean that you need a very small amount
to give

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1 the effect.
2 But my basic premise, just so you don't
get
3 the fact that I'm saying that all of these things --
when
4 you have something like nicotine or alkaloids, the
general
5 principal pharmacologically is that anything you add
to
6 that you should test it to make sure that it doesn't
have
7 an effect.

8 So I understand you're asking me to
show you
9 all the effects these things have in combination or
10 separately. All I'm saying is that the right way to
do
11 that -- my testimony will be the right way to do
that is
12 you start off with nicotine and then you show the
13 additives one at a time in combination and then in
14 combinations to prove that they are okay and not
giving
15 you an effect.

16 Q Now, I take it then by your answer that
you
17 don't have any evidence that the ginger oil and
oleoresins
18 in the quantity used in cigarettes actually produces
an
19 effect; is that right?

20 A I don't, correct, because I don't know
the
21 levels they're used at.
22 Q All right. I've got it.
23 Now, in your report you say some of the
24 ingredients are hallucinogenic.

25 A Correct.

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1 Q And am I right that every ingredient
2 that you believe is hallucinogenic is contained in
3 Exhibit 5-E?
4 A No. I think I'm pretty -- I mean I
didn't
5 have time to do all 599. What I did, if you read
the
6 first part, I picked -- I started down the list, and
I
7 used the references that are cited at the end of
this,
8 which are some of the books I brought, and they're
very
9 much stated in there, just to look through and see,

are
10 readily available without going to the literature
and
11 spending lots of time and money on literature
searches of
12 each one of these.
13 Q Is it your intention to offer opinions
at
14 trial about ingredients that are added to tobacco
that are
15 hallucinogenic that you don't identify in Exhibit
5-E?
16 A It's not my intention as we sit here.
If
17 somebody asked me to go through and do the rest of
this,
18 I'd have to consider whether or not I had the time
and
19 money and whatever to do that.
20 Q If you did that, you would generate a
21 document and you would provide it to defense
counsel;
22 right?
23 A Correct.
24 Q But right now you haven't done that?
25 A Correct.

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1 Q So as of today, every ingredient that
you
2 intend to offer an opinion on at trial that you
believe is
3 a hallucinogen is identified as such on Exhibit 5-E?
4 A That's true for hallucinogens, yes.
5 Q Okay. Now, for the hallucinogens, is
it the
6 case that for every ingredient that is identified as
a
7 hallucinogen on Exhibit 5-E that you have no
evidence that
8 the ingredient is in fact hallucinogenic in the
quantities
9 that are added to cigarettes?
10 A That is -- that's correct.
11 Q Okay. Now, you also say that a number
of the
12 ingredients are known to have central nervous
systems
13 effects similar to nicotine; right?
14 A Correct.
15 Q Are the ingredients that you believe
have a
16 central nervous system effect similar to nicotine
that you
17 intend to offer opinions on at trial identified on
18 Exhibit 5-E?
19 A No, not all of them.
20 Q All right. What is missing?
21 A The pyridine/pyrazole complex that are
22 discussed in a lot of Seeman's work as being flavor
23 additives.
24 Q Pyridine is there on Exhibit 5-E.
25 A Correct.

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1 Q Pyrazole is not there; right?
 2 A Pyrazole. That's the cooked flavor
 stuff.
 3 Q And how do you spell "pyrazole"?
 4 A P-y-r-a-z-o-l-e, maybe two r's.
 5 Q Okay. And pyrazole comes from the
 cooked
 6 flavors; is that right?
 7 A That's a potential way of getting some
 of
 8 these compounds is to take amino acids and proteins
 in the
 9 presence of sugar and react them together.
 10 Q Is pyrazole on the ingredient list, or
 does
 11 it correspond to some ingredient on the ingredient
 list?
 12 A I don't think so, but let me check to
 make
 13 sure. I didn't see it here.
 14 I don't see it here.
 15 Q Okay. But the way pyrazole ends up in
 16 cigarette smoke is as a result of the burning or
 pyrolysis
 17 of the cooked flavors; is that right?
 18 A Well, you'll make a certain amount
 naturally.
 19 When you burn a cigarette, you'll get some of these
 things
 20 off. If you find that those things are beneficial
 21 flavorants and you want to increase the effect, you
 could
 22 add pyrazole or you could add cooked flavors. The
 cooked
 23 flavors simply take, like, amino acids, protein and
 24 sugars, you cook those up, you make the pyrazole,
 and now
 25 you enhance the level of some of those compounds in
 the

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1 smoke.
 2 Q Okay. Is pyrazole added to Philip
 Morris
 3 cigarettes?
 4 A Well, through the cooked flavors it's
 added.
 5 I mean we know that they're present in the cooked
 6 flavors. And, see, that's -- there's a distinction
 here.
 7 I don't want to get hung up on this distinction of
 whether
 8 you add these things directly or I take a couple of
 them
 9 and I cook them together and make something else and
 add
 10 that. To me that's not on -- if I cook two things
 11 together, that's not the same as adding the material
 12 that's here.
 13 Q So it would be your testimony if you
 cook two
 14 things together and it makes the two things plus a
 third

15 thing, you should put all three things on the list?
16 A Correct.
17 Q Okay. And other than the
pyrazole/pyridine
18 complex, is there any other material that you
believe has
19 a central nervous system effect similar to nicotine
that
20 you intend to offer opinions on at trial that is not
21 contained on Exhibit 5-E?
22 A I don't know. I haven't looked up --
if you
23 look at Number 8 on the list, on the ingredient
list,
24 there is an acetylpyrazine which may have --
25 Q Is acetylpyrazine -- that could be the
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1 pyrazine that we couldn't find before from the
cooked
2 flavors?
3 A That's pyrazole. It's related to that.
It's
4 not exactly the same. It's a related compound.
There's
5 an ethylpyrazine, also, if you look at number 6.
6 In other words, I haven't gone through
-- as
7 we said before, if I go through this and provide
8 plaintiffs' counsel with any further analysis, you,
of
9 course, you know, as far as I'm concerned, can have
access
10 to all of that. I mean it's not -- it's just as of
right
11 now I don't want to limit myself because I don't
know what
12 I'm going to be asked to do. But right now what you
see
13 is what exists.

14 Q Just so we're clear, at trial there are
no
15 compounds that you intend presently to identify as
having
16 a central nervous system effect similar to nicotine
that
17 are not contained on Exhibit 5-E or are not part of
the
18 pyridine/pyrazole complex; correct?

19 A Or not contained in Exhibit Number 23.
20 Q Well, that's slightly different. That
21 opens -- I mean Exhibit 23 is all the ingredients.

What
22 I'm trying to understand is as you sit here today,
--

23 A Okay.
24 Q -- as you sit here right now, are there
any
25 ingredients that have a central nervous system
effect

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1 similar to nicotine that you intend to offer
opinions on

2 at trial that are not contained on Exhibit 5-E or
are not
3 part of the pyridine/pyrazole complex you
identified?
4 A That's correct.
5 Q All right. You believe that there are
a
6 couple of ingredients in cigarette smoke that have
7 brought -- that have pharmacological effects such as
8 opening the bronchial passageways; right?
9 A That is a conclusion that is not
restricted
10 to my belief, but, yes.
11 Q Okay. So it is your opinion that there
are
12 certain ingredients that are added to tobacco that
have
13 the effect of opening the bronchial passageways?
14 A Correct.
15 Q Okay. And is one of those ingredients
cocoa?
16 A The specific ingredient is theobromine.
17 Q Is theobromine added directly to
cigarettes,
18 or is it added as a chemical constituent in cocoa?
19 A It's part of the chemical constituent
in
20 cocoa or chocolate.
21 Q So the ingredient that we look at on
the list
22 was chocolate, but the active ingredient in the
chocolate
23 is the theobromine; right?
24 A Correct.
25 Q How much theobromine is prescribed by a
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1 doctor to open the bronchial passageways?
2 A The literature on that is available. I
3 haven't researched it, I mean, in a long time.
4 Q So you don't know the amount necessary
to
5 open the bronchial passageways as you sit here
today?
6 A As I sit here today, that's correct.
7 Q And you also don't know, I take it, the
8 amount of cocoa that Philip Morris adds to any of
its
9 cigarettes, the exact amount?
10 A That's correct.
11 Q And I take it from that that you do not
know
12 whether the amount that -- the amount of cocoa that
Philip
13 Morris uses in a cigarette does in fact have the
effect of
14 opening the bronchial passageways?
15 A Well, I don't know if I can go that far
16 because there's probably two dozen people at Philip
Morris
17 that seem to think that there was enough in there to
do
18 that.
19 Q Well, who would those people be? You

said
20 two dozen.
21 A Okay. The people whose names are on
that
22 list.
23 Q Okay. Including yourself?
24 A I was the author. I didn't come up
with the
25 ideas.

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1 MR. BHATIA: Okay. Can you show me where --
2 Let's mark this document.
3 (The document referred to above was
4 marked Defendant's Exhibit No. 27 for
5 identification by the Certified Shorthand
6 Reporter and is attached hereto.)
7 BY MR. BHATIA:
8 Q Can you show me in Exhibit 27 there is
a
9 reference to theobromine?
10 A On page 2, item 2, it says:
11 "It was also pointed out that some additives
12 that could be useful might come close to
13 this."
14 "This" being delivering therapeutic
agents
15 via smoke.
16 "For example, anethol, caffeine, eugenol,
17 vanilla and theobromine were mentioned.
18 Additives could function as bronchial
19 dilators, appetite suppressants, et cetera."
20 Q Now, it's sounds like from that
document
21 somebody was considering adding theobromine directly
to
22 cigarettes. Was that the idea that was being
23 discussed?
24 A No. We, the people that are here, are
25 primarily chemists. We know it's present in
chocolate.

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1 The question before the house is should you increase
the
2 levels of chocolate; should we add chocolate to
3 everything.
4 Q Well, there's nothing in paragraph 2
that
5 refers to chocolate. It refers to theobromine
directly.
6 A I recognize that. I'm a scribe at that
7 meeting.
8 Q You took these notes?
9 A I took these notes, but I'm not
participating
10 in the meeting. I was a director. I'm the
coordinator.
11 This was an idea session, and we thought it would be
neat
12 for a director to stand up and take the notes. So
these
13 are the ideas of the people who are on the list, and
I'm
14 copying them down on a piece of paper. And when I'm

done,
15 I write them up and pass them out to everybody.
16 So the discussion that I'm doing there
is
17 summarizing the effects, like vanilla and
theobromine, but
18 we know where those things come from.
19 Q Okay. And, Dr. Farone, the document
says the
20 additives "could" function as bronchodilators. Is
there
21 any evidence that they do in fact function as
22 bronchodilators?
23 A Well, they do function as a
bronchodilator.
24 I think you mean in the cigarette.
25 Q In the cigarette.

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1 A Again, the way one does that is you
presume
2 that it does until you have evidence that it
doesn't.
3 That's the way one tests the toxicology of additives
to
4 any kind of food or something that you're --
5 Q If someone at Philip Morris has done
the
6 analysis and they found that it takes two milligram
of
7 theobromine to have a bronchodilating effect, which
is the
8 equivalent based on the amount that they tested was
in
9 cigarettes of 4,000 cigarettes a day, would that
change
10 your opinion on whether the amount of chocolate in
Philip
11 Morris cigarettes does in fact have a
bronchodilating
12 effect?
13 A I would have to -- it could. I would
have to
14 see how that analysis was done because I find that a
lot
15 of times they are off by a factor of very much, 10
to the
16 fourth, in calculating the concentration.
17 Now, if you have --
18 Q But if the -- sorry. Go ahead. I
apologize.
19 A If you have a 60 cc puff, you could
have a
20 very tiny amount in there. You have to multiply by
1,667
21 to get from the amount that's delivered by the FTC
test to
22 the concentration that the smoker gets.
23 Q Okay. Let's be clear.
24 You don't know the amount of
theobromine
25 necessary to produce a bronchodilating effect in the

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1 normal, average adult?
2 A I can look that up. I don't know it as
I sit
3 here.
4 Q As you sit here today, you don't know
it?
5 A Correct.
6 Q You don't know the amount of
theobromine that
7 is actually present in Philip Morris cigarettes;
right?
8 A I may. It depends on when you're
talking
9 about it.
10 Q Today.
11 A Well, the B & W report, I think, they
12 analyzed for it, so I think I could find --
13 Q Okay. I'd like you to find it.
14 A Okay.
15 MR. BHATIA: Why don't we go off the record
while
16 Dr. Farone looks.
17 Let's mark the time we are going off
the
18 record.
19 (Off the record from 4:33 p.m. until
20 4:35 p.m.)
21 THE WITNESS: I found the table of percent
cocoa
22 and percent licorice. Now I need to find the way
they
23 determined that that's what it is by analysis of the
24 theobromine and glycyrrhizin, and I think that's in
here,
25 too, so I found the cocoa and licorice percent.
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1 MR. BHATIA: Just so the record is clear,
2 Dr. Farone is looking at a document from B & W
3 Research & Development in Louisville, and it bears
Bates
4 Number FAR02727 and continues for several hundred
pages
5 thereafter.
6 BY MR. BHATIA:
7 Q Have you had any luck yet?
8 A I find lots of reference to the cocoa
and
9 licorice. I have to find a section where they talk
about
10 how they know that it's cocoa and licorice which is
11 usually done by --
12 Q Theobromine marker?
13 A Or a glycyrrhizin marker in the case of
14 licorice.
15 I lost track of why we're doing this
now,
16 but I'm still looking for where they tell you how
they
17 came to the conclusion that it was --
18 Q Well, Dr. Farone, the reason why we're
doing
19 it is I asked you if you know the amount of
theobromine in

20 any Philip Morris cigarettes. You refused to say
that you
21 didn't know that and thought that you could find a
22 reference in which you could demonstrate that you
did in
23 fact know that. And so we've been waiting for you
to find
24 that reference?
25 A Okay. So far I have found a reference
to the

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1 amount of chocolate and licorice, which if you knew
2 average concentration of theobromine in chocolate
and in
3 licorice you could in fact come up with some range.
4 I was trying to be complete in my -- I
hate
5 to say that I don't have any knowledge of something
if I
6 know in my mind that I have some knowledge of it.
So what
7 I'm doing now is trying to find the specific
reference.
8 I know that in some of these B & W
reports I
9 have seen the reference to the fact of specific
10 glycyrrhizin and theobromine, but --
11 Q I understand.
12 A -- this one doesn't have it.
13 Q And so as you sit here today, you do
not know
14 the amount of theobromine that is present in a
finished
15 cigarette made by Philip Morris; correct?
16 A Without a reference to some of this
work, I
17 wouldn't -- yes. I mean I wouldn't have known it
before
18 without the specific reference, yes.
19 Q Please answer my question.
20 A The answer is yes.
21 Q Do you know or do you not know?
22 A I do not know.
23 Q Thank you.
24 Now, I take it then since you don't
know the
25 amount of theobromine in a Philip Morris cigarette
and you

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1 don't know the amount that is necessary to have a
2 bronchodilating effect, you do not know whether the
3 theobromine that ends up in Philip Morris cigarettes
as a
4 result of the use of cocoa or chocolate ingredients
does
5 in fact have a bronchodilating effect; right?
6 A Does or does not. True.
7 Q You don't know either way?
8 A The presumption is that we don't know
that it
9 doesn't.
10 Q Your presumption is that you don't know

that
11 it doesn't, and that's fine for you.
12 My question, which I'd like you to
answer, is
13 do you have any evidence that it does have a
14 bronchodilating effect in the Philip Morris
cigarettes
15 that Philip Morris makes and sells in the United
States?
16 A Any evidence whatsoever?
17 Q Yes.
18 A The answer is yes.
19 Q What evidence?
20 A Well, we have to look at puff profiles
to see
21 if cigarettes that -- Philip Morris cigarettes are
22 inhaled, that the puff profiles are different than
they
23 are without. If -- let me just explain where I'm
coming
24 from. It may help.
25 As I understand it, you're trying to
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1 determine what my testimony is going to be at trial.
2 Q Dr. Farone, do you intend to offer an
opinion
3 at trial that the amount of chocolate used by Philip
4 Morris adds enough theobromine to Philip Morris
cigarettes
5 to produce a bronchodilating effect?
6 A I may.
7 Q When will you know one way or another
whether
8 you intend to offer that opinion?
9 A When and if I have time to do what I
was
10 trying to do here in a few minutes, to see whether
or not
11 those things all tie together. I haven't had time
to do
12 it.
13 Q As you sit here today, to a medical
certainty
14 are you willing to say that the amount of cocoa used
in
15 Philip Morris cigarettes does in fact have a
16 bronchodilating effect?
17 A No, I'm not.
18 Q All right. Thank you.
19 Do you have any basis to disagree with
my
20 statement that it would take approximately 400
milligrams
21 of theobromine a day to cause bronchial smooth
muscle
22 relaxation?
23 A Yes, I do.
24 Q What is your basis for disagreeing with
my
25 statement?
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1 A Because you have provided me no
evidence for

2 that statement. I don't agree with statements if
they're
3 not supported by some kind of evidence.
4 Q I didn't ask you, sir, to agree with my
5 statement, with all respect. I asked do you have a
basis
6 for disagreeing with my statement?
7 A That you need 4,000 milligrams?
8 Q No. Sorry. 400 milligrams of
theobromine a
9 day to effect bronchial smooth muscle relaxation.
10 A Via inhalation from cigarettes?
11 Q Yes. Do you have a basis for
disagreeing --
12 A No, I don't.
13 Q -- with my statement?
14 Okay. Have you ever stated to any
official
15 of the United States government that the amount of
16 chocolate and cocoa added to Philip Morris
cigarettes adds
17 enough theobromine to have a bronchodilating effect
on the
18 smoker?
19 A No. They got -- received the same list
that
20 you have here.
21 Q So the answer to my question is?
22 A No.
23 Q The answer is no?
24 A Correct.
25 Q Now, the testimony you just gave on the
use

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1 of chocolate and cocoa and the amount of theobromine
that
2 is added as a result of it, would that same
testimony
3 apply to the other domestic cigarette manufacturers
such
4 as Reynolds or B & W?
5 A The testimony that 400 milligrams --
6 Q No. No.
7 A That it could -- I'm not sure what
testimony
8 you're referring to.
9 Q You have testified that you do not know
10 whether the amount of cocoa added to Philip Morris
11 cigarettes adds enough theobromine to have a
12 bronchodilating effect.
13 My question is for any other cigarette
14 manufacturer in the United States would your
testimony be
15 different or be the same?
16 A As I sit here right now, it would be
the
17 same.
18 Q Okay. Now, what other ingredients in
19 cigarettes have a bronchodilating effect?
20 A Glycyrrhizin.
21 Q Glycyrrhizin ends up in cigarettes as a
22 result of the use of licorice; correct?
23 A Correct.

24 Q What evidence do you have that the
amount of
25 licorice used in Philip Morris cigarettes or any
other
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1 cigarette made by a U.S. tobacco company adds enough
2 glycyrrhizin to actually have a bronchodilating
effect?
3 A It's the same problem. As I sit here
today,
4 I do not have those facts at my disposal.
5 Q Thank you.
6 Which ingredients added to tobacco have
the
7 effect of, quote, desensitizing the throat and lungs
to
8 smoke in order to make inhalation of smoke easier?
9 A Well, that includes but is not limited
to the
10 bronchodilators because that's one of the ways of
doing
11 it.
12 The other way is anesthetizing, so
menthol is
13 an example.
14 Q Anything other than menthol?
15 A Oh, yes.
16 Anything that acts as a primary -- as
an
17 irritant, which might allow it to mask, or smoother,
so
18 that would include things like propylene glycol,
19 glycerine, bergamot oil, which is one of the things
here.
20 I'm just looking at the list.
21 Q Just so I understand your testimony,
it's
22 your belief that anything that makes smoke smoother
or
23 less harsh makes it easier to inhale; correct?
24 A That's one criterion.
25 Q Okay. So if things like humectants
were

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1 added to tobacco to make the tobacco less brittle
and
2 smoother so that the smoke was less harsh when
burned, it
3 would be your opinion that it would be easier to
inhale
4 that smoke?
5 A Correct.
6 Q Now, milk is a colloid; right?
7 A Yes.
8 Q And milk contains some
pharmacologically
9 active ingredients like tryptophan, for example;
right?
10 A Tryptophan is -- you mean the amino
acid?
11 Q Yes.
12 A Pharmacologically active in what sense?
13 Q Is it your belief that tryptophan is

not
14 pharmacologically active?
15 A Well, it's active -- it's metabolized.
I
16 mean you use it in the body. It's one of the amino
acids
17 so that you can incorporate in the cell thing. But
18 normally we talk about changing body function. I
don't
19 know that eating proteins or whatever is --
20 Q You've never heard that warm milk makes
21 people -- can make people sleepy because of the
22 tryptophan?
23 A That wasn't my understanding.
24 Q A chocolate bar, it contains some
caffeine,
25 doesn't it?

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1 A Yes, some, some chocolate.
2 Q Caffeine is pharmacologically active;
right?
3 A Yes, it is.
4 Q And chocolate -- are there any other
5 pharmacologically active ingredients in a chocolate
bar?
6 A Theobromine.
7 Q Anything else?
8 A Well, there's a class -- I'm sure we
could
9 find other cocoa-related alkaloids just like you can
find
10 tobacco-related alkaloids.
11 Q Okay. Is caffeine a drug?
12 A Yes.
13 Q Is theobromine a drug?
14 A Yes.
15 Q Do you consider a chocolate bar to be a
16 complex drug cocktail system?
17 A Not in the sense that those things are
18 delivered the same way you do by inhaling it. But
if you
19 want to look at it in terms of the levels --
regardless of
20 level, can it be used in such a way to deliver a
drug? The
21 answer is yes, just like this Diet Coke I have in
front of
22 me.
23 Q So Diet Coke is a complex drug cocktail
24 delivery system?
25 A For ingestion.

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1 Q The answer is yes?
2 A Yes.
3 Q And a lot of the things we eat contain
4 pharmacologically active substances; right?
5 A That's correct.
6 Q And to the extent anything we eat
contains a
7 great number of different pharmacologically active
8 substances, you would consider it to be a complex
drug
9 cocktail delivery system; correct?

10 A Correct, for administration of those
drugs by
11 ingestion, yes.
12 Q You testified that pyridine is the
simplest
13 nicotine analogue.
14 A Uh-huh.
15 Q Correct?
16 A Correct.
17 Q And pyridines are found in quite a
number of
18 foods that we encounter every day; right?
19 A Yes.
20 Q For example, do artichokes contain
pyridines?
21 A I've never inhaled an artichoke.
22 Q Well, can you answer my question?
23 A Yes, it probably does.
24 Q Okay. So an artichoke then contains a
25 nicotine analogue?

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1 A Yes.
2 Q Okay. And asparagus, does it contain
3 pyridines?
4 A Probably does.
5 Q So then asparagus contains a nicotine
6 analogue?
7 A Uh-huh.
8 Q Cheese? Does cheese contain pyridines?
9 A Almost all foodstuffs that have protein
in it
10 will or can contain pyridines.
11 Q Tomato?
12 A Probably. There's a very small amount,
I
13 would presume, in tomato.
14 Q Peanuts? Do they contain pyridines?
15 A Yes, more than likely.
16 Q Cocoa? Does it contain pyridines?
17 A Probably.
18 Q So pyridines would be found in a
chocolate
19 bar then?
20 A Correct.
21 Q There would be a nicotine analogue in a
22 chocolate bar?
23 A Correct.
24 Q Okay. Which type of smoke is easier to
25 inhale, cigar smoke or cigarette smoke, from a
blended

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1 U.S. cigarette?
2 A Typically, the cigarette smoke -- we're
3 talking about other things being equal, average
cigarette,
4 average cigar, then the cigarettes are easier to
inhale.
5 Q Why is a cigar harder to inhale?
6 A Because the pH of the smoke is higher.
7 Q Why should that matter?
8 A We're going to reproduce my testimony
of the
9 earlier deposition. pH is critical to the delivery

of --
10 Q Focusing on cigar smoke inhaleability,
can
11 you tell me why it's harder to inhale cigar smoke?
Is it
12 harsher in its simplest -- I mean --
13 A In its simplest form, it creates a
feeling in
14 the back of your throat that makes it difficult to
finish
15 the inhalation process.
16 Q Okay. How many lives could be saved by
your
17 safer cigarette?
18 A Taken all the way to extreme?
19 Q Sure.
20 A Something on the order of maybe 300,000
per
21 year.
22 Q Okay. What do you base that conclusion
on?
23 A The epidemiological studies concerning
24 smoking and health.
25 Q Okay. What studies?
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1 A Those that are embodied in the Surgeon
2 General's reports.
3 Q Does the Surgeon General's report
contain a
4 relative risk for smoking and death for the safer
5 cigarette?
6 A No.
7 Q Okay. So how would you calculate the
number
8 of lives saved if you don't know the relative risk
of
9 death from smoking the safer cigarette?
10 A Say, probabilistic assessment, one can
11 calculate the probability that you make. You start
off
12 with a basis of known number of deaths. What you're
13 asking is to attribute that to various causes,
whether
14 it's heart attack, cancer, whatever it is, that
portion
15 that is attributed to smoking. I mean the simplest
way of
16 looking at it is to go to actuarial tables that are
used
17 by insurance companies where they have this in great
18 detail, the difference in cost between an insurance
policy
19 for a smoker versus a non-smoker.
20 Q Right. But the last time I checked
those
21 actuarial policies, I didn't see a third column that
said
22 "Cost for smokers who smoke the safer cigarette."
23 A That's the column that I want to add to
the
24 table.
25 Q I understand. But it's not there right
now,

1 is it?
2 A Not there right now.
3 Q Well, --
4 A But we have both extremes, right?
5 Q I understand.
6 Getting back to your testimony, though,
let's
7 say your ideas for a safer cigarette didn't work
8 completely. Only one thing worked. For example,
only
9 your filter idea worked to reduce nitrous oxide and
carbon
10 monoxide. How many lives would be saved then?
11 A We have to look at the heart risk
because
12 that's where the carbon monoxide is basically
involved, in
13 the heart risk, and it would be some percentage of
those
14 that had increased risk of heart attack due to
smoking.
15 Q How many?
16 A I'd have to go back and look at the
tables,
17 but there's a boundary between the situation as it
exists
18 now and not smoking at all, so that's a continuum,
most
19 likely, so that we know that as we improve the
situation,
20 we move from one situation toward the other. And my
point
21 is that if we save ten of those lives or twenty or
one,
22 that's the right thing to do.
23 Q Okay. But it could just as easily be
twenty
24 as it is one, couldn't it?
25 A Or one as it is twenty or a hundred
thousand.

1 Q You don't know; that's the bottom line?
2 A The bottom line is that we can estimate
what
3 it would be epidemiologically on the basis of the
test,
4 but you cannot -- short of statistics, you can't
know
5 anything about the universe. Zero. Nada. I agree
with
6 you.
7 Q I disagree with that, but I mean,
whatever.
8 You're not an epidemiologist, though?
9 A I'm a statistician.
10 Q But you're not an epidemiologist?
11 A I'm a scientist, and I understand
12 chemically -- you don't even know where that Coke
can is
13 without statistics.
14 Q Sure.
15 A So everything in science --

16 Q If you say so.
17 A No, it's not I say so. That's the
18 fundamentals of thermodynamics, quantum mechanics,
the
19 very chemicals that Philip Morris deals in. The
20 scientists there understand this fully well.
21 Q Right. But getting back to my
question, what
22 is the relative risk for a smoker who smokes a
cigarette
23 with your filter that reduces carbon monoxide and
nitrous
24 oxide?
25 A It's safer by some percentage.
II-556
1 Q Well, what is the percentage?
2 A I'm not prepared to give an opinion on
that
3 now and I probably won't be until some experiments
are
4 done which shows what the levels -- I mean the way
to do
5 that is to put it in the cigarette, and then the
6 monitoring program that these gentlemen have
suggested
7 will tell us the answer.
8 Q Okay. But as you sit here now, you
don't
9 know?
10 A That's correct, not exactly.
11 Q And what about for any of the other
proposed
12 changes that you have to cigarettes, do you know
what the
13 relative risk would be for the cigarette made with
those
14 proposed changes?
15 A I do not know the exact percentage of
16 reduction. All I know is that if in fact a
reduction
17 occurs, that's the right thing to do.
18 Q Okay. The bottom line is you don't
know?
19 A The bottom line is I don't have a
number,
20 correct.
21 Q Right. And until the studies are done,
you
22 won't know; right?
23 A I won't know the number.
24 Q Right, you won't know the reduction?
25 A Correct.
II-557
1 Q Okay. And until you know what the
relative
2 risk is for smoking and death for smokers who smoke
the
3 so-called safer cigarettes, you won't be able to
calculate
4 the actual number of lives saved; isn't that right?
5 A No, that's not right.
6 Q Okay. Then how many lives are saved?
7 A I didn't say I could do it now. You

asked me

8 until I know would I be able to do it, and I'm
telling you

9 is if I had more information statistically, we could
10 calculate it now.

11 Q But you'd need the relative risk,
wouldn't

12 you, for smoking and death for the smokers of the
safer

13 cigarette so you'd have something to compare to?

14 A No, we don't need that. What we need
is --

15 we need to know -- take carbon monoxide as a simple

16 example. We need to know the fraction of deaths due
to

17 smoking that is attributable to heart problems.

18 Segregating out of those the carbon monoxide risk,
looking

19 at the reductions in carbon monoxide -- for example,

20 there's risks due to carbon monoxide for working
around

21 automobiles, so there is epidemiological information

on
22 carbon monoxide exposure -- we could then calculate
the

23 percentage of reduction and exposure and we could

24 calculate a relative risk reduction.

25 What I was saying is that I don't have
at my

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1 disposal the numbers that are required to do that
2 calculation. I'm not saying that it can't be done.

3 Q You couldn't do it until you produced
the

4 cigarette and people smoked it and you saw what
happened?

5 A I can do it right now based on
cigarettes

6 that are on the market. Not all cigarettes deliver
the

7 same carbon monoxide.

8 Q And what studies exist that track
smoker

9 brand histories based on carbon monoxide content to
allow

10 you to make this calculation?

11 A We'd have to go look at some of the --
I

12 think the German experience might be the most
relevant

13 where they keep track of carbon monoxide deliveries
on

14 cigarettes.

15 Q What study, sir?

16 A I don't know the study right now.

17 Q Okay. Right now you don't know?

18 A But I don't need the study to calculate
the

19 percent reduction.

20 Q What is the percent reduction then?

21 Either you know the percent reduction or you don't.

22 A The percent reduction in carbon
monoxide? We

23 can look it up.
24 Q No, the percent reduction in risk of
dying as
25 a result of using your filter.
II-559
1 A I already testified I do not know the
2 number. The second part of it that you we were
trying to
3 get me to say, I think, was that I didn't know how
to do
4 it. And I'm saying I know how to do it, and you do
not
5 need to have the thing made to be able to make the
risk
6 assessment. All you have to know is how much carbon
7 monoxide people are exposed to and the reduction in
the
8 amount of carbon monoxide.
9 Q Okay. Right now you don't have an
assessment
10 of the actual number of lives that could be saved by
11 making a safer cigarette?
12 A Correct.
13 Q Okay. Dr. Farone, is it your belief
that the
14 FTC method cannot measure the way an individual
smoker
15 smokes a cigarette?
16 A That it cannot? First of all, it's not
a
17 belief. It is my opinion that the FTC method, like
any
18 other standardized average method, does not measure
the
19 way an individual smokes a cigarette.
20 Q Okay. I'd like to mark as Exhibit 28 a
copy
21 of a release that was issued by the Federal Trade
22 Commission in August of 1967, and it relates to the
FTC
23 method of testing.
24 Have you ever seen this document
before?
25 A I don't recognize it.
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1 (The document referred to above was
2 marked Defendant's Exhibit No. 28 for
3 identification by the Certified Shorthand
4 Reporter and is attached hereto.)
5 Q So I take it it's probably not one of
the
6 documents that plaintiffs' counsel sent you.
7 A Well, this plaintiffs' counsel hasn't
sent me
8 very much, so I've --
9 Q Plaintiffs in the broadest sense.
10 MR. SHUB: Was this document produced in
11 Mississippi?
12 BY MR. BHATIA:
13 Q Now, if you look at --
14 MR. SHUB: Off the record.
15 (Whereupon a discussion was held
16 off the record.)

17 BY MR. BHATIA:
18 Q If you look at the top of page 2, first
full
19 paragraph, quote:
20 "In determining the testing method, the
21 commission has not attempted to gauge the
22 test to the amount of smoke or tar and
23 nicotine which the average smoker will draw
24 from any particular cigarette."
25 See that?
II-561
1 A Yes.
2 Q Is that something you agree with? Do
you
3 agree with that statement?
4 A I agree with the statement that the
test
5 doesn't. I'm not so sure I agree that that's not
the way
6 it was interpreted.
7 Q Right. But do you agree that the FTC,
the
8 Federal Trade Commission, at least believed when it
9 adopted the method that it was not gauging the
actual
10 amount of smoke that a particular smoker would draw
from a
11 cigarette?
12 A That they were not intending to do
that,
13 yes.
14 Q Okay. And the next paragraph:
15 "No two human smokers smoke in the same
16 way. No individual smoker always smokes in
17 the same fashion. The speed at which one
18 smokes varies both among smokers and usually
19 also varies with the same individual under
20 different circumstances even within the same
21 day. Some take long puffs or draws. Some
22 take short puffs. That variation affects
23 the tar and nicotine quantity in the smoke
24 generated."
25 Do you agree with that?
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1 A Yes, all of those statements I agree
with.
2 Q And you agree with the next paragraph
then as
3 well, I take it:
4 "Even with the same type of cigarette,
5 individual smokers take a different number
6 of puffs per cigarette depending upon the
7 circumstances."
8 A Yes.
9 Q And then the remainder of that
paragraph?
10 A Agree with it, uh-huh.
11 Q And, finally, the next paragraph:
12 "The Cambridge Filter Method..." --
13 And just so the jury's clear, the
Cambridge
14 Filter Method is the FDC method for testing
cigarettes;

15 right?
16 A Yes.
17 Q "The Cambridge Filter Method does not
18 and cannot measure these many variations in
19 human smoking habits."
20 You agree with that; right?
21 A Yes.
22 Q Okay. And if you go down to the last
full
23 paragraph on that page, you'll see a statement by
the FTC,
24 the Federal Trade Commission, quote:
25 "To reiterate, the uniform method determined
II-563
1 by the Commission has as its purpose
2 measurement of the tar and nicotine
3 generated by cigarettes when smoked..." --
4 A Excuse me. You said the last full
paragraph?
5 Q Yes.
6 A The last full one starts with
"Accordingly."
7 Q Right. I'm looking at the last
sentence of
8 that, last full paragraph.
9 A Oh, I'm sorry. Yes. Go ahead.
10 Q Okay?
11 A Uh-huh.
12 Q "Thus, to reiterate, the uniform
13 method determined by the Commission has as
14 its purpose measurement of the tar and
15 nicotine generated by cigarettes when
16 smoking according to that procedure."
17 I mean you agree that that's what the
FTC
18 method does, it measures tar and nicotine delivery
based
19 upon the FTC method?
20 A Yes.
21 Q And it's a procedure that, by
definition,
22 doesn't measure the way in which an individual
smoker
23 smokes a cigarette; right?
24 A Correct.
25 Q And the FTC never intended -- at least
II-564
1 according to its release it never intended that the
test
2 would be anything other than a demonstration of how
3 cigarettes performed under a specified set of
conditions?
4 A Okay.
5 Q You agree with that?
6 A Yes.
7 Q Okay. Now, we have talked about a
number of
8 ways in which cigarettes have changed over time.
Right?
9 We talked about filters. Right?
10 A Correct.
11 Q And you thought adding filters was a
good

12 thing?
13 A Yes.
14 Q You'd rather see cigarettes with
filters than
15 without filters?
16 A Correct.
17 Q Why?
18 A Because generally with filters, when we
added
19 them, we had low tar, lower tar.
20 Q Why does that matter?
21 A Because the carcinogens, the
teratogens, the
22 mutagens are in the tar.
23 Q Why does that matter?
24 A Why does the delivery of toxic
materials to
25 the lungs of the smoker matter? Because, in
general,

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1 that's not something that I believe we should do or
that,
2 you know, anybody wants to do is deliver
carcinogens,
3 mutagens, teratogens, toxic materials into your
lungs.
4 Q So you think that putting filters on
5 cigarettes was a good thing because it made it
possible to
6 decrease the amount of mutagens, carcinogens, and
7 teratogens that were delivered to a smoker?
8 A Correct.
9 Q We also talked about treating filters
with a
10 plasticizer such as triacetin which had the effect
of
11 reduce the phenols and some of the other smoke
compounds
12 that passed through the filter; right?
13 A It could have the effect of, yes.
14 Q And I think you acknowledged that it
did in
15 fact -- that treating the filter with a plasticizer
such
16 as triacetin did in fact reduce the phenols that
were
17 delivered to the smoker.
18 A Yes.
19 Q And there was selective filtration. I
mean
20 the filtration was greater than the amount of tar
21 reduction in the cigarette; right?
22 A For phenols and certain ways of making
the
23 filter and triacetin, that's correct.
24 Q You thought that was a good thing?
25 A Yes.

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1 Q Why?
2 A Because phenols are corrosive, they're
toxic,
3 and they had been implicated in some -- at least in
human

4 exposure to phenols, per se, when you do the study
with
5 just phenols, if you look at the material safety
data
6 sheets, if you look up phenols and catechols and
similar
7 classes of compounds, that they have a very negative
8 effect.

9 Q Now, I take it then you thought that
treating
10 the filter material with triacetin increased the
11 likelihood that smokers would get less of the phenol
and
12 since the phenol was harmful, it was a good thing to
13 reduce it?

14 A Yes, but you can't take the one thing
out of
15 context because if I don't make other commensurate
16 changes, I could in fact cause them to smoke in a
17 different way where the reduction that I had
obtained goes

18 away. But, generally speaking, under equivalent
19 conditions, yes.

20 Q I mean all things considered, you
wanted
21 filters on cigarettes and filters with triacetin as
22 opposed to no filters and no filters with triacetin?

23 A And triacetin isn't necessarily the
best
24 thing. That's something we knew did something, and
we
25 were looking for things that might be better than
II-567

1 triacetin.

2 Q Okay. But, again, answering my
question, it
3 was better to have a filter with triacetin than no
filter
4 with triacetin; right?

5 A Than no filter with -- I'm not sure
that
6 makes sense, but I understand what you mean.

7 Q It was better to have a filter with
triacetin
8 than a filter without triacetin?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And we talked about dilution and
ventilation
11 as a means of reducing some of the harmful
constituents in

12 tobacco smoke; correct?

13 A Correct.

14 Q And you, again, thought that that was a
good
15 thing; right?

16 A Correct.

17 Q I take it you thought it was a good
thing
18 because it decreased the amount of mutagens,
carcinogens,
19 and teratogens that got delivered to a smoker?
20 A And not only that. It decreases tar
relative

21 to nicotine. So you could increase the
nicotine-to-tar
22 ratio, which I think is a good thing.
23 Q Okay. And that was a natural product
of
24 dilution?
25 A That was a --
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1 Q Strike that.
2 Reconstituted tobacco using the paper
3 process, that had lower biological activity than
4 lamina tobacco; correct?
5 A Correct.
6 Q And you thought it was a good thing
that
7 Philip Morris and other cigarette companies began to
use
8 reconstituted tobacco?
9 A Yes.
10 Q And porous paper, you thought that was
a good
11 thing because it added, I guess, to the dilution?
12 A Yes.
13 Q And the porous paper alters some of the
14 burning temperatures so some of the gases,
compounds, were
15 not generated in as great quantities and delivered
to the
16 smoker; right?
17 A Yes.
18 Q And you described a number of different
19 methods that the tobacco companies undertook to
reduce the
20 nitrous oxide content of cigarettes. For example,
Philip
21 Morris denitrified the solubles in the RL process,
and
22 other companies did other similar things. And you
thought
23 that was a good thing?
24 A Correct.
25 Q The Next cigarette that Philip Morris
made,

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1 the denicotinized cigarette, you believed that that
was a
2 potentially safer cigarette; right?
3 A Potentially, yes, uh-huh.
4 Q You thought it was a good thing that
they
5 introduced it onto the market?
6 A Yes, it was.
7 Q And Premier, the cigarette made by
Reynolds
8 which heated instead of burned tobacco, you thought
that
9 was a step in the right direction in making a safer
10 cigarette?
11 A That's correct.
12 Q And Eclipse, the other effort by
Reynolds
13 that is currently on the market, which is another
way to

14 alter the way in which tobacco is burned, you
thought that
15 also was a step in the right direction towards
making a
16 safer cigarette; right?
17 A That's correct.
18 Q And the work Philip Morris did to
prepare a
19 competitive response to Premier and Eclipse, if that
leads
20 to a cigarette that is comparable to Eclipse with
reduced
21 deliveries of harmful components, you would consider
that
22 to be a good thing as well?
23 A If it did, yes.
24 Q And, in addition, there was a lot of
25 research that was ongoing at other tobacco
companies, for

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1 example, Japan Tobacco, on making cigarettes that
were
2 safer?
3 A That's correct.
4 Q What is your explanation for why the
tobacco
5 companies didn't do everything that they could have
done
6 and instead only chose to do a few things such as
what we
7 just discussed to make a safer cigarette?
8 A Well, I believe there's a lot of
factors
9 involved in that, some business and some technical.
10 The business factors probably outweigh
the
11 technical factors by a longshot.
12 One thing is concern over losing your
13 market. If you, in fact, provide lots of
information
14 about safety and what you could do, it provides
15 information about the current relative risks, and
people
16 who heard more and more about the risks might decide
to
17 give up smoking.
18 I look at that the other way around.
If you
19 make it safer, maybe they decide not to, but
businesswise
20 I think there was a great fear of losing smokers.
Business
21 goes away. If everybody knew everything about all
the
22 risks involved, they may decide not to smoke. So
it's a
23 business problem.
24 The other problem issue you have with
any of
25 these companies that have an entrenched existing
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1 product -- take Winston as an example -- RJR
probably

2 doesn't want to do anything to change Winston if
it's a
3 very successful product. So even if they come up
with
4 something that would make it safer or better, they
say,
5 "Well, gee, if we use that, I might lose my
percentage
6 share of market of Winston and Marlboro might
increase,"
7 or we could make the same discussion about Marlboro.
8 I sat through many discussions of that
type,
9 and these things are ongoing today, I'm sure, about
how
10 much business risk one wants to take by making safer
11 cigarettes.
12 Q Okay. How do you know these
discussions are
13 ongoing today? You said these discussion are
ongoing
14 today, quote, "I'm sure," close quote.
15 A Well, we have the evidence of Reynolds
taking
16 the steps, removing the additives, putting Premium
and
17 putting Eclipse on the market.
18 We've got Dr. Townsend and the
testimony in
19 Florida now taking the position that "We're trying
to make
20 a safer cigarette, aren't we, and this is really a
good
21 thing to do."
22 We have the chairmen of the companies
coming
23 forward finally and saying, "Well, it might have
caused
24 some disease" or "It probably did."
25 So we're seeing a change in the whole
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1 attitude. So that's why I say those discussions are
2 ongoing. If they weren't ongoing, you wouldn't see
all of
3 those things happening.
4 Q So it's an assumption that you're
making.
5 A No. It's a conclusion based on
evidence
6 which I just gave you.
7 Q Well, you assume that the discussions
are
8 ongoing? You like to call it a conclusion, but --
9 A It's not an assumption.
10 Q You haven't actually sat at any
meetings at
11 Philip Morris in the Philip Morris board rooms where
this
12 discussion was going on in the last week?
13 A No. And I've never seen an electron,
but I
14 can draw a lot of conclusions about it.
15 Q Well, let's not be glib.

16 If you were asked to say what Jeoffrey
Bible
17 said to Murray Bring at the last meeting in the
Philip
18 Morris board room about cigarette businesses, you
couldn't
19 do that, could you?
20 A No, that's correct.
21 Q It's -- you're assuming that these
22 discussions are ongoing. You have no actual
evidence that
23 they're ongoing. I mean you don't know what
happened at
24 these meetings?
25 A No.

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1 Q You didn't attend them?
2 A I'm providing you evidence and saying
that on
3 the basis of the evidence I provided it's a
hypothesis.
4 It's not an assumption. It's a hypothesis that that
5 happened. I mean because that fits the facts. I'm
a
6 scientist, not a --
7 Q What I'm trying to understand is the
second
8 reason that you gave was it put current products at
risk
9 so they might not want to change a Winston.
10 Why would they have to change a
Winston? Why
11 couldn't they just introduce a new product that had
these
12 new features?
13 A Because that's why they fail, because
we do
14 it as new products. That's not the place to do it.
I
15 mean if you want to make a safe cigarette, you put
that
16 technology in Marlboro because that's the people
that are
17 at risk, the ones using that product now.
18 So one way to assure that your
technology
19 implementation fails is to put it in some new
product
20 which doesn't have the kind of backing, the kind of
use,
21 the kind of history, the kind of long-lived
following that
22 an existing product does.
23 To me you know that a technology is
there and
24 people are going to use it and stand behind it when
they
25 put it in the main-line product of their company.

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1 Q Well, Reynolds has put the no-additive
2 tobacco in Winston.
3 A That's correct, because their sales
compared

4 to Marlboro were going down, so they figured, "What
have
5 we got to lose now?"
6 Q But they put it in Winston?
7 A Absolutely.
8 Q And that was the thing that you thought
9 they'd never do?
10 A That's right.
11 Q So they did what you thought they'd
never do?
12 A And I said that was the right thing to
do.
13 Q Now, Philip Morris, when it introduced
14 filters, ventilation, porous paper, introduced them
onto
15 its flagship Marlboro brand to produce Marlboro
Lights and
16 Marlboro Ultra Lights?
17 A That's right.
18 Q And that was the right thing to do?
19 A Correct.
20 Q And, in fact, Marlboro Lights today
sells
21 more than Marlboro Reds in terms of volume in the
United
22 States.
23 A Okay.
24 Q Okay. Now, I think in your report --
I'm
25 trying to find the exact reference.
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1 Let me just ask you is it your belief
that
2 the industry failed to introduce safer cigarettes
because
3 of fear of liability?
4 A Oh, that's a business risk, yes.
5 Q Well, --
6 A It's not a belief. It's an opinion.
7 Q It's an opinion.
8 Why would they introduce some changes
to the
9 product and not others if they're afraid of
liability? Why
10 wouldn't they go all the way?
11 A The changes that they were making they
saw as
12 being a market plus. For example, we talked about
the FTC
13 method not really telling you what a smoker gets.
Yet all
14 the advertising we saw for two decades played off
that as
15 being that it was meaningful, lower tar. So it was
an
16 implied health claim as you indicated earlier.
17 Q Okay. But why would they do the
research on
18 new cigarette designs and then fail to introduce
them?
19 Why wouldn't they just not do the research at all in
the
20 first place if they were afraid of liability?

21 A Okay. It's my opinion that -- and
that's
22 where I think the regulation by FDA is beneficial
23 although they may protest -- that in the long run
that's
24 going to be very beneficial to the industry as are
25 settlements because they allow them finally to start
using

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1 those innovations that they have accumulated over
the
2 years in producing safer products. And if you did
have a
3 situation where a drug application allowed you to
make a
4 claim that it was safer, not directly the way we
were
5 talking about before, that's going to sell more
6 cigarettes.

7 Q I don't think you answered my question.
8 I asked you why it is they did the
research
9 in the first place and failed to implement it if
they were
10 afraid of liability. Wouldn't they have been better
off
11 just not doing the research at all?

12 A Well, I've heard both sides of that
argument.
13 In one context, you know, I remember being told that
14 that's why we stopped doing it is because we'd
rather not
15 know the answers to those questions, with DeNoble's
work,
16 for example. So that was said.

17 Q But what about the other example? Why
do the
18 research in the first place if producing the
knowledge of
19 how to make a safer cigarette and failing to
implement it
20 creates the liability issue? Why not just not do
the
21 research at all?

22 A If you look at the history, I can -- I
think
23 I can answer that question.
24 If you think about the history of the
25 industry, almost every industry -- and the tobacco

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1 industry is probably one of the most sensitive to
this --
2 goes through these "Let's do it because we want to
make it
3 safer."
4 "Oh, my goodness. All of these
negative
5 reasons why we can't."
6 There's cycles of management philosophy
that
7 come and go within any company.
8 In my eight years there I saw the shift

from
9 one end to the other. I mean when I went there, the
10 objective was, "Let's do it. Let's make it safer.
Let's
11 go ahead and do it."
12 And by the time I left, "Let's not do
this.
13 Let's not know."
14 So there is that change. I don't know
15 whether you call it fashion or trend. But there are
16 cycles of management philosophy. And this isn't
critical
17 to the tobacco industry. Look at gasoline usage in
18 automobiles. I mean there are fashions that go with
19 regard to products.
20 Q But other than the change of fashion,
you
21 have no explanation for why they did the research,
failed
22 to implement it, as opposed to not doing the
research at
23 all?
24 A I indicated that when they did the
research,
25 their intent was to use it. They developed the
result.

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1 They worry about using the result, so they don't use
it.
2 Q By there were many things they did use.
How
3 do you explain that?
4 A I explained it by saying that the ones
that
5 could be introduced without changing the nature of
their
6 market gradually so that they didn't lose smokers
are the
7 ones that they introduced.
8 If the change meant a risk of losing
smokers,
9 what they would do is put that in another product
that
10 they could allow to fail and don't implement that
11 particular piece of technology in a flagship brand.
12 Q Well, take NOD, for example, the
naturally
13 occurring denitrification. If you're right and it
didn't
14 affect subjectives at all, why not just do it?
15 A If -- I didn't say it didn't affect the
16 subjectives. If the subjective changes could be
17 overcome -- we had acceptable NOD products. There's
a
18 report, the Susan Dobberstein report, that says the
19 economics were not that horrible. I don't know why
not
20 just do it. I mean my answer to that is they should
have
21 just done it.
22 Q But what's your explanation for failing
to do
23 it? Is it fear of liability? How can it be? Doing

the
24 research and not implementing it creates the risk of
25 liability. And here is an example where you can use
it in

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1 existing products, you say, and it won't affect the
2 product subjectives. Why not use it?

3 A I'm not an attorney, but on the
liability
4 issue, the way I understand it is you only have
liability
5 if in fact it can be proven that that's the reason
why you
6 stopped doing it.

7 For example, if you say, "Well, I
8 didn't do it because it didn't taste good," then somehow
people
9 think that's going to absolve you of the liability.

So
10 there's those philosophies that --
11 Q Well, okay. But what is your basis for
your
12 belief that Philip Morris failed to implement
product
13 changes because they were afraid of liability
concerns for
14 making safer cigarettes?

15 A The fact that they did not implement
changes
16 that they knew to be leading toward a safer
cigarette,
17 that they knew that they could overcome through
flavor
18 changes.

19 Q And how do you explain the fact that
they did
20 make a great number of changes that by your own
admission
21 made the product safer?

22 A Because those particular changes did
not run
23 the risk of changing the product to cause them to
lose
24 market share versus their competitors.

25 Q So it wasn't a fear of liability, per
se; it

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1 was a fear of losing customers?

2 A And both things play into it.

3 Q Okay. Now, if Philip Morris could make
the
4 absolutely safe cigarette and its competitors didn't
have
5 it and it could demonstrate that, would smokers
smoke

6 Philip Morris, or would they smoke Reynolds?

7 A My absolutely safe cigarette with the
8 nicotine analogue that keeps them addicted?

9 Q Not your absolutely safe cigarette.
Whatever

10 the cigarette is. If Philip Morris could
11 make the safe cigarette, the absolutely safe

cigarette,
12 and smokers loved it, --
13 A If you can sell social -- I'm sorry.
14 Q -- would smokers smoke Philip Morris,
in
15 your opinion, or would they smoke Reynolds?
16 A They'd smoke Philip Morris.
17 Q Okay. And Philip Morris would make a
bunch
18 of money?
19 A Correct.
20 Q Even more than they make right now?
21 A Absolutely.
22 Q Why not do it?
23 A That's -- because in order to do it,
you have
24 to go the FDA route, you'd have to agree that it's a
drug,
25 and you'd have to apply for I.N.D.'s, and you have
to do

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1 all of the things that the industry doesn't want to
do.
2 Q That assumes you have to use this
nicotine
3 analogue for your -- I mean that's your safe
cigarette;
4 right? You don't have to go to the FDA if there's
some
5 other safe cigarette that doesn't require the
addition of
6 nicotine analogues?
7 A Maybe that was true a year ago. I'm
not so
8 sure it's going to be true --
9 MR. BHATIA: This is different. We're
talking
10 about the past anyway.
11 Okay. Why don't we continue tomorrow
at --

12 MR. SHUB: Say, 8:45.

13 MR. BHATIA: Perfect. Very fine.

14 (The proceedings were adjourned at 5:30 p.m.)

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11 In witness thereof, I hereby subscribe
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8 The undersigned Certified Shorthand
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12 which time the witness was duly sworn by me;
13 That the testimony of the witness and
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18 In witness whereof, I have subscribed
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